The King's Speech: Some Points for Discussion

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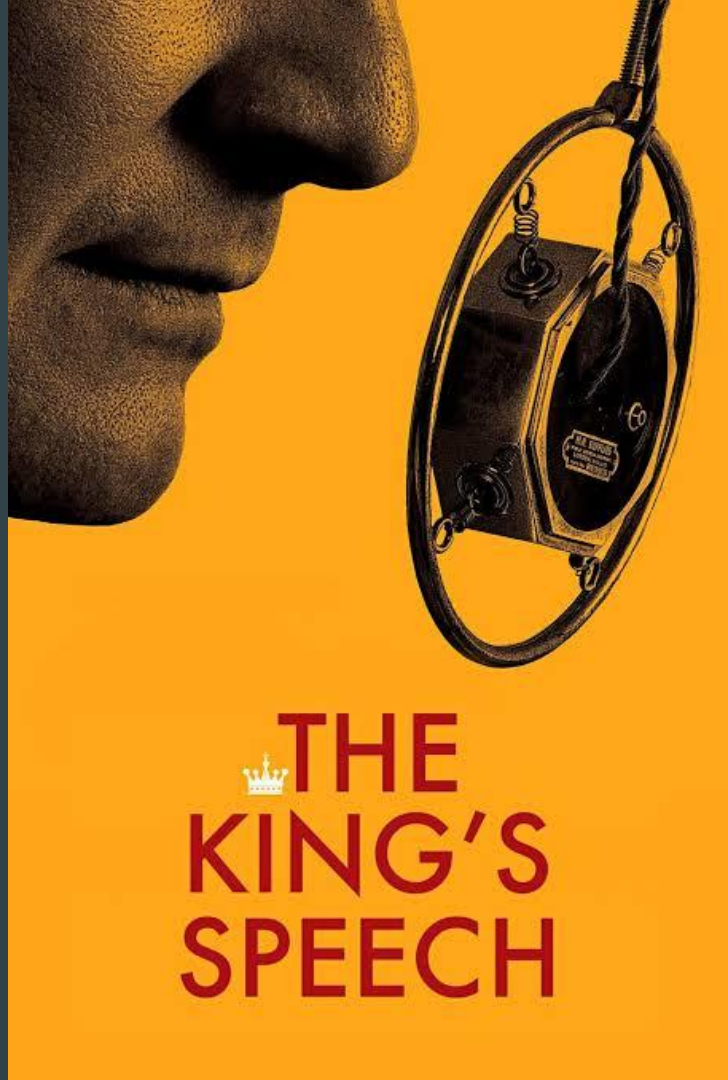

Lionel's lack of credentials and his willingness to go along with the Duke's lack of sophistication about this. It leads to the best scene in the movie, I think – the confrontation at the rehearsal for the coronation, when the King realizes he indeed has a voice.

The rupture in their relationship, during the walk when Lionel suggests Bertie would make a better king than his brother. And Lionel's attempt to apologize.

The initial sessions with Bertie and his wife, when Lionel sets certain limits like using his first name and insisting he come every day.

Her role in making the therapy work and Lionel's wife's suggestion that he apologize after having offended him. It's an example of the role a family member can play in getting therapy to work.

The Duke's comment that he has never had a friend and his use of that term in the last scene of the movie.

The Duke's relationships with his father and brother. I thought both actors – Derek Jacobi and Guy Pearce – were excellent.