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Dear Ben

***Britannia* source material**

James Richardson has passed me your letter dated 18 February 2019 relating to the origins of the television programme *Britannia*. I understand your concern in having seen apparent similarities with your screenplay, and we wanted to ensure you received a proper response.

Before appearing on screen, *Britannia* was in development for a number of years. It was created by James Richardson, Jez Butterworth and Tom Butterworth, along with co-creator Terry Caffola. As you note in your letter, while a fictional programme, *Britannia* is set during a real period of history.

We don't believe that anybody involved in the development and production of *Britannia* was aware of the television series you were developing (prior to James receiving your letter in February 2019); it had not been raised by any third parties nor had your script been given to any of the creators or writers of the programme. While we have not reviewed your script, any similarities between it and *Britannia* can only be the result of coincidence and of the two formats being set in a similar period of history. It is not possible that your work was copied in any sense, even subconsciously, as none of the contributors have ever seen it or been told about it.

I fully appreciate how frustrating it can be when a project appears that has a similar premise to one you are already developing; it has happened to us on a number of occasions. However, in the majority of cases, including this one, there is no connection between the projects and it is simply a matter of happenstance.

We wish you the best of luck in your developing writing career.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S Williams". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sam Williams
Head of Legal and Business Affairs