



the avengers

starring

PATRICK MACNEE
as John Steed

and

DIANA RIGG
as Emma Peel

in

"A SURFEIT OF H2O"

by

COLIN FINBOW

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Cast also includes:

Jonah Barnard.....NOEL PURCELL
Dr. Sturm.....ALBERT LIEVEN
Joyce Jason.....SUE LLOYD
Eli Barker.....TALFRYN THOMAS
Sir Arnold Kelly.....JOHN KIDD
Martin Smythe.....GEOFFREY PALMER

directed by SIDNEY HAYERS
produced by JULIAN WINTLE



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Synopsis

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- short synopsis -

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- detailed synopsis -

Drowned in the middle of a field - that's the incredible fate of the village poacher at Lower Storpington when he is caught in a freak rainstorm. His strange death seems to support the belief of local eccentrics that the Great Flood is coming again on the earth, but THE AVENGERS set out to find a more feasible explanation.

Emma visits the poacher's brother, Eli Barker, and learns that the poacher was seen skulking in the vicinity of Grannie Gregson's, the local wine-makers, just before his death.

Meanwhile, Steed calls on Jonah Barnard, the village carpenter, who is constructing an ark for the deluge which he fervently prophesies. Jonah puts out a cloud which hangs motionless in the sky and visibly increases in size every day. The cloud is in the vicinity of the wine-makers.

When Emma tries to gain admittance to Grannie Gregson's as a reporter, she is turned away with a frosty rebuff by Dr. Adam Sturm, but she later persuades Eli to get her illegal access to the factory that night. Arriving at the rendezvous, Emma finds Eli another victim of the murderous rain.

Posing as a vintner, Steed has better luck at Grannie Gregson's. He learns from Joyce, the receptionist, that Dr. Sturm has installed a lot of new equipment in his two years with the factory. Sturm demonstrates some of it, including a powerful pulping press used in the wine-making process.

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When Joyce shows Steed around the wine-cellars, she becomes alarmed that he overhears the sound of rain falling in ever-increasing force from somewhere in the building. She hurries him off the premises, and he is astounded to discover that it is a fine, clear day outside.

Alarmed by extraordinary weather readings she secures on some portable equipment, Emma calls in Sir Arnold Kelly, a meteorological expert. Sir Arnold sets to work out in the field alone with his own apparatus, but the torrents suddenly begin their deadly descent on him and he is washed into the ground. Later, Sturm's henchmen carry off his body.

Realising that Sir Arnold was called in by Emma, Dr. Sturm decides to put an end to her meddling. He invites her to look over the plant, and Emma is forced to accept at gun-point. Sturm has his lovely captive strapped under the giant pulping press, hoping to force a confession as he steadily increases the pressure.

Meanwhile, Steed saves the ark-building Jonah from a death trap.

Sturm had planned to put an end to his attention-catching prophecies. Steed proves to Jonah that the freak rain is man-made and the no longer deluded carpenter joins him on a quest to the factory.

Having told Emma that he will sell his rain-making device as a military weapon able to bog down whole armies, Sturm leaves her strapped on the press and only fractions of an inch from death with a last chance to change her mind about confession.

Entering the factory by a secret tunnel, Steed and Jonah free Emma and set out to trace the rain-making machine. When they find it, they are confronted by Sturm and his henchmen and a fight breaks out in the rain, which steadily increases in merciless intensity.

THE AVENGERS last out the storm, and Sturm's saturation schemes are well and truly washed away.