



# the avengers

starring

PATRICK MACNEE  
as John Steed

and

DIANA RIGG  
as Emma Peel

in

"SMALL GAME FOR BIG HUNTERS"

by

PHILIP LEVENE

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natives and Emma gets the  
evil eye...

Cast also includes:

Colonel Rawlings .....	BILL FRASER
Simon Trent .....	JAMES VILLIERS
Professor Swain.....	LIAM REDMOND
Dr. Gibson .....	A.J. BROWN
Fleming.....	PETER BURTON
Razafi .....	PAUL DANGUAH
Tropical Outfitter .....	TOM GILL
Lala .....	ESTHER ANDERSON
Kendrick.....	PETER THOMAS

music by LAURIE JOHNSON  
directed by GERRY O'HARA  
produced by JULIAN WINTLE

Diana Rigg's Wardrobe designed by  
JOHN BATES



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- short synopsis -

Steed and Emma are called in when a man wearing tropical clothing is found in a deep paralysing coma caused by a poisonous native arrow - in London! Their investigations lead them to a strange house outside London where they go native to fight the curse of 'Shirenzai'.

- detailed synopsis -

Steed and Emma are called to a country cottage near London where a man named Kendrick is suffering from a coma sleeping sickness. He was found wearing tropical kit by a Dr. Gibson who is in attendance as Steed examines the man.

Steed shows Emma the native arrow found in the man's back. As they examine it tribal drums begin to throb away across the country.

Professor Swain, an expert on primitive tribes, is brought to the cottage and he tells Emma about Shirenzai, a cult peculiar to the land of Kalaya. Shirenzai in Kalayan means 'The Curse of Sleep'.

Steed takes Kendrick's tropical clothing to an outfitters and discovers it was sent to a Colonel Rawlings in Kalaya in 1929. In the shop listening to Steed making his enquiries is a native named Razafi.

In the cottage Swain tries spells to revive Kendrick and is scoffed at by Gibson. Later Gibson is found outside by Emma - he too is in a coma and round his wrist is the mark of Shirenzai.

Emma discovers there is a Kalayan Ex-Serviceman's Association run by a Colonel Rawlings, so Steed decides to investigate. Outside the cottage he is attacked by Razafi, in full war paint, and is saved when the vicious knife sinks only into his bowler hat.

At Rawlings' home, Steed encounters Razafi again, and subdues him. But on the way through the gardens he steps into a spring trap which ties him up like an animal.

Recovering, he finds himself in Rawlings' study, where a lovely Eurasian girl, Lala is beckoning him. Reaching out he finds a hunting rifle pointed at him and holding it, Simon Trent.

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Steed asks to see the Colonel and Trent makes him change into tropical kit. They move into a jungle area where the heat and life are intense. The blimp-like Rawlings arrives and is introduced to Steed. The Colonel, with his mind gone still believes he is in Kalaya.

After dinner Trent is with Steed and Rawlings when Fleming arrives. Not seeing Steed he tells Trent that the two men are still sleeping at the cottage. Trent flashes a warning with his eyes and Fleming utters some pleasantries.

In the cottage Emma is keeping watch over Kendrick and Gibson, both still asleep. She is reading a book about black magic and doses off.

In the Club House, Steed is on the verandah, when he sees a retinue of natives carrying two litters. He tells Rawlings he'll have to go, but Trent arrives, carrying the rifle, and Steed, realising the threat is forced to stay.

The next morning Steed rises early from his hammock and manages to phone Emma and tell her where he is. She tells him that Swain also has disappeared as well as the two 'patients'.

At breakfast, Steed is joined by Rawlings and Trent. Razafi whispers to Steed to meet him at the juniper tree at midnight. There, Steed is startled to find Razafi has a perfect Oxford accent and is a member of the Kalayan Intelligence Service. He tells Steed that Trent and Fleming have grudges against his country.

Emma decides to get into Rawlings' home. Steed is taken to the hut where Kendrick and Gibson are still sleeping. Also there in an improvised laboratory are thousands of test tubes. As he is about to explain to Steed, the girl, Lala springs out and stabs him. She runs off and later Trent appears.

He takes papers from Razafi's body and finds who he is. He turns and congratulates Steed on killing a spy. Friendly now to Steed, Trent takes him to the laboratory and explains how he and Fleming have bred a new kind of Tsetse fly immune to all insecticides. Later they'll fly back to Kalaya with thousands of them to spread around the country. They'll breed in their millions and desolate the land. He and Fleming will then take over.

Trent hears Lala approaching and calls her. Frightened he will be betrayed Steed moves to run. But Lala turns out to be Emma in a sarong.

The final fight is fast and furious but Steed soon beats Trent. Emma runs off with the canister of Tsetse flies but is cornered by Fleming, now aided by the master-mind, Swain. She is saved when Steed swings through the trees like Tarzan to her rescue.

In the cold drizzly English day outside they open the canister and let the rain fall on the flies.