



the avengers

starring

PATRICK MACNEE
as John Steed

and

DIANA RIGG
as Emma Peel

in

"THE DANGER MAKERS"

by

ROGER MARSHALL

In which Steed joins a Secret Society --
and Emma walks the plank

Cast also includes:

Major Robertson NIGEL DAVENPORT
Dr. Harold Long DOUGLAS WILMER
Colonel Adams FABIA DRAKE
Peters MORAY WATSON
Lieut. Stanhope ADRIAN ROPES
R.A.F. Officer RICHARD COLEMAN
Gordon Lamble JOHN GATRELL

music by LAURIE JOHNSON
directed by CHARLES CRICHTON
produced by JULIAN WINTLE

*Diana Rigg's Wardrobe designed by JOHN BATES



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- short synopsis -

When a general dies while riding in a 'chicken run', and a scientist attempts to scale St. Pauls, The Avengers decide to take a closer look. They discover a secret society dedicated to the excitement of mortal danger, and a Master Mind who's got his eye on the Crown Jewels.

- detailed synopsis -

When General 'Woody' Groves is killed in a crash, after apparently taking part in a 'chicken run', and Gordon Lamble, Head of the Chemical Warfare Establishment, is injured while trying to scale St. Pauls, The Avengers are briefed to find out what's going on.

Steed and Emma go to see Harold Long, Consultant with the Psychological Warfare Department, who tells them that there have been a number of such inexplicable cases in recent months.

Leaving Emma to keep an eye on Gordon Lamble, Steed visits General Groves' Battalion Headquarters. There he meets Major Robertson who tells him that he cannot understand why an officer of Groves' standing should take part in such a dangerous stunt.

At the hospital Emma and Long discover the injured Lamble on the narrow ledge outside his window. Long stops Emma from going to his aid, and they wait until the man has returned to his bed unaided.

Later Steed and Emma are discussing their findings when a noise attracts them to Lamble's room. They find the scientist murdered.

Following up another clue, Steed goes to see Wing Commander Watson of the RAF, and arrives in time to watch the veteran pilot put a high-speed jet through a series of stunts. One stunt goes wrong, and the 'plane plummets into the ground.

On Steed's instructions, Emma introduces herself to Major Robertson. She convinces him that she would welcome a more exciting life. Steed's suspicions of the man are justified when Robertson reacts favourably to Emma.

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Steed receives a telephone call from a Lieutenant Stanton of Groves' battalion, who claims that he has information. When Steed arrives he finds Stanton murdered. He also finds another clue - a postcard of an Army Museum called Manton House.

Leaving Emma to watch the Major, Steed goes to Manton, and meets the owner, Colonel Adams - an elderly ex-women's army officer whose only interest is Military History. He also meets Peters, a rather sinister character, who talks to Steed as if he expects him to know all about the secret society of which he confesses membership.

Convinced that she is 'made of the right stuff', Major Robertson tells Emma that he knows a place where she'll find the excitement she craves. Asked where, he tells her 'Manton'.

Believing that Steed is a member of the organisation, Major Robertson tells Emma that the Society is called 'The Danger Makers', and that members live only for the excitement of mortal danger. He adds that he will arrange for Emma to be initiated.

The initiation test is a terrifying affair in which Emma is placed in danger of electrocuting herself. One ordeal is no sooner passed than she encounters another. When the principal of the Society steps forward to congratulate her, Emma sees that it is Harold Long.

Long tells the imprisoned Steed that he formed the Organisation when he discovered that many servicemen craved danger as a drug addict does a 'fix'. With such men he intends, he says, to fulfill his 'Grand Plan' - the theft of the Crown Jewels.

Steed and Emma manage to escape and Steed challenges Long to personal combat. Long tries to escape through the room in which Emma underwent her test, but he becomes entangled in his dreadful machine and is electrocuted.

Each in a tiny Go-kart, The Avengers drive off towards the bright horizon, and another adventure.