

# the avengers

## PATRICK MACNEE as John Steed

and

DIANA RIGG as Emma Peel

in

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## Cast also includes:

Ponsonby-Hopkirk	RON MOODY
Prince Ali	ZIA MOHYEDDIN
Arkadi	GEORGE PASTELL
Vincent,	ROLAND CURRAM
	BRUNO BARNABE
B. Bumble,	KEN PARRY
	JON LAURIMORE
	REG PRITCHARD
	PETER DIAMOND
	CARMEN DENE
George Reed	

music by LAURIE JOHNSON directed by JAMES HILL produced by JULIAN WINTLE

Diana Rigg's Wardrobe designed by JOHN BATES



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## - short synopsis -

When agent Ronny Westcott dies of bullet wounds in Steed's flat, THE AVENGERS take over his assignment to protect a Middle Eastern Prince who has come to London to sign an important oil contract. As they discover a "Quite Quite Fantastic" plot, Steed relives the Arabian Nights and Emma develops a taste for honey before being sold to protect the Prince.

## - detailed synopsis -

When colleague Ronny Westcott dies of gun wounds in Steed's apartment, THE AVENGERS take over his assignment.

Before dying, Ronny tells Steed that the files on the case are in George Reed's flat and that Reed, a fellow agent, is dead. Steed immediately makes for the flat, but he is too late.

The flat has been broken into and Steed, caught unawares, is attacked. Beaten off, the intruder flees, leaving Steed to assess his work: he had been through. The files are burnt and all Steed finds is a cupboard full of honey.

Back at his apartment, however, Steed discovers a present from George Reed. It is a jar of honey, delivered from B. Bumble & Company. Dispatching Emma to Bumble's honey shop, Steed returns to Reed's flat to examine it more closely. He discovers that Reed was a member of the Q.Q.F.

"Quite Quite Fantastic Inc." is run by Mr Ponsonby-Hopkirk. Its purpose is to create people's fantasies with the aid of theatrical devices and then let them live them. Fantasies they have staged range from battles to assassinations, and on making further enquiries Steed discovers that Ronny Westcott was also a client. His 'fantasy' was to be chief

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eunuch in a harem.

Meanwhile, Emma learns from B. Bumble, the honey specialist, that the Baranian Embassy is a major customer. After leaving the shop, however, an attempt is made to kill her, but her assailant fails and suffers the fatal consequences.

Returning to the shop, Emma finds Bumble dead, but his killer has left a clue. It is an application form for the Q.Q.F.

THE AVENGERS have only two clues: honey and the Q.Q.F. Then they realise what assignment Westcott was covering. The Baranian Prince Ali, together with harem and full entourage, is visiting London to sign over oil concessions in return for military protection. Obviously his assassination would give the contract to rivals. Westcott had been assigned to protect the Prince.

They hurry to the Q.Q.F., only to find that Ponsonby-Hopkirk has been shot while staging the 'fantasy' of the assassination of the Baranian Prince.

Knowing an assassination is planned, but not knowing the details, Steed decides to visit Prince Ali. Striking up an immediate friendship with him, Steed discovers that the Prince's wives have a favourite preserve - honey - and that, as a favour, he had ordered forty man-sized jars of it for them. Learning that the order had been placed with B. Bumble & Company, Steed asks if he may examine the jars. His request is refused: the honey is in the Prince's harem and no man can enter there.

That night Steed is invited to dine at the Embassy. Deducing that the assassins plan to murder the Prince in his harem, he takes Emma along with him.

Dressed as a Middle Eastern dancing girl, Emma is presented to the Prince, and at Steed's command entertains them with an exotic Oriental dance. The Prince is well pleased with her and when Steed offers her for his harem, he accepts and Emma is led away to join the ladies.

Once there, she begins a desperate search of the honey jars. The assassin is hidden in one of them.

Meanwhile, the Prince, excited by the thought of Emma, decides to retire early that night. Steed tries to stall him, but fails.

Only after the Prince has entered his harem does Emma spot the assassin. It is almost too late, but throwing her new husband to one side, she attacks his killer. The noise of the fighting alerts the guards of the harem and they rush to the Prince's protection.

Grateful, the Prince offers to grant Steed anything he wishes: he chooses Emma. With his prize, Steed rides happily away on a magic carpet.