



the avengers

starring

PATRICK MACNEE
as John Steed

and

DIANA RIGG
as Emma Peel

in

"DEATH AT BARGAIN PRICES"

by

BRIAN CLEMENS

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Cast also includes:

Horatio Kane..... ANDRE MORELL
Wentworth..... T. P. McKENNA
Farthingale..... ALLAN CUTHBERTSON
Massey..... GEORGE SELWAY
Marco..... HARVEY ASHBY
Jarvis..... JOHN CATER
Professor Popple..... PETER HOWELL
Glynn..... RONNIE STEVENS
Julie..... DIANE CLARE

directed by CHARLES CRICHTON
produced by JULIAN WINTLE



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- short synopsis -

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- detailed synopsis -

An agent colleague of THE AVENGERS is shot dead and dumped in an alleyway. Found on the body is a receipt from Pinter's department store bearing a Sunday datemark.

Mystified, Steed and Emma find other discrepancies when they visit Pinter's emporium, inspiring Emma to get a job there as counterhand. At work in the lingerie department, she is approached by Jarvis, a rather seedy house detective, who remarks on the apparent inexperience of most of Pinter's personnel - a factor which dates only from the recent take-over by Horatio Kane, a tycoon known as "King" Kane, who has a penthouse over the store.

Steed invades Kane's Kingdom, posing as an efficiency expert, and soon realises he is dealing with a dogmatic, old eccentric. Kane tells Steed that store manager Wentworth will attend to him - and Wentworth does just that by forcibly evicting him.

Emma overhears plans for a night meeting of the senior staff - the third such in one week. When she questions detective Jarvis about these strange, after-hours conferences, he senses that she is more than just a counterhand, and reveals himself as a surprise ally.

He says that he, too, is suspicious of the management, and that he intends to eavesdrop on the meeting. When he does so that night, he overhears Wentworth and his mercenaries finalising a sinister plan, at the crux of which is a Professor Popple, who is held in enforced detention. Discovered by the gang, Jarvis pays with his life.

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The next day, Marco, a store executive, makes a play for Emma, and she uses the opportunity to confront him with the Sunday-dated receipt. Marco tells her that she must talk to manager Wentworth, and, on the way to do so, Emma discovers a cleverly-concealed laboratory. It is occupied by a shackled old man, and just as Emma recognises him as Professor Popple, a missing atom scientist, Wentworth and Marco corner her in the hidden chamber.

When Steed calls at Pinter's, he is told that Emma has been dismissed. Realising she is in trouble, Steed stays on in the store until after hours. Disposing of a watchman, he rescues Emma from the furniture department, where she was trussed up in a rolled carpet.

Examining the laboratory, where the captive Popple lies in a drugged stupour, they discover that the store receipts are, in fact, feed cards for an atomic computer. They soon realise that the whole store has been converted into a gigantic bomb.

Confronted by Kane and a gun-wielding henchman, Steed and Emma are told of Kane's plans for the biggest take-over bid of all: he is about to hold all Britain to ransom under threat of his bomb. But Kane and his men have not bargained for the initiative of their prisoners. A fight breaks out, and Steed and Emma dispose of each of the gang in turn.

Kane makes a last bid and sets a hitherto disused lift in motion - it will operate the detonator switch. In a race against time, Steed and Emma force open the lift gates and jam the progress of the deadly cage, putting paid to the plot in true AVENGERS fashion.