"THE AVENGERS"

"SUPER SECRET CYPHER SNATCH"

DIALOGUE SHEETS

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MAIN TITLES

EXT. CYPHER H.Q.

MAN CYCLING ALONG COUNTRY

ROAD.

NO DIALOGUE

GUARD: (into, mic)

Come in.

VOICE over mic:

Wilson.

GUARD: (into mic)

Yes.

VOICE over mic:

Anything happened your end ?

GUARD: (into mic)

Not a sign sir.

VOICE over mic:

It's gone twelve.

GUARD: (into mic)

I know sir.

VOICE over mic:

Can't make it out.

Our information clearly stated that one of their men had a rendezvous in

this area at twelve.

GUARD: (into mic)

Yes sir.

VOICE OVER mic:

Going to pass on something vital,

that's what we heard.

Arc you sure you've seen no-one ?

GUARD: (into mic)

Only an old lady on a bicycle sir.

VOICE over mic:

What!

GUARD: (into mic)

Went past a few moments ago sir.

VOICE over mic:

You fool. Get after her man, get after her.

GUARD: (into mic)

Yes sir.

EXT. COUNTRYS IDE

MAN RUNNING.

HELICOPTEP APPEARS.

GUARD ON MOTOR-CYCLE

CHASES MAN.

FIGHT SEQUENCE.

EPISODE TITLE:

SUPER SECRET CYPHER SNATCH

TELEPLAY AND DIRECTOR'S CREDIT

THE AVENGERS I.D. CARD

COMMENTATOR:

Tonight's episode of THE AVENCERS is brought to you by -

COMMERCIAL BREAK

INT. GARAGE

STEED:

Got your message Mother.

TARA:

Came as soon as we could.

STEED:

A very important job you said.

MOTHER:

Very.

An agent was killed this morning.

TARA:

Ours?

MOTHER:

Theirs.

The point is, he was carrying copies of the

most top secret code.

Codes only available at Cypher H.Q.

TARA:

Then it'll be a very important job?

MOTHER:

Vital.

STEED:

Biggest job in months.

MOTHER:

As you say - pity we won't be handling it.

STEED:

What!!

MOTHER:

The Minister feels that it's time M.I. 12 were "blooded", so to speak. So he's put

the whole matter in their lap.

I'm sorry, and all that sort of thing.

Can I drop you somewhere ?

STEED:

The employment bureau.

So M.I.12 are hot foot and panting at the

leash.

MOTHER:

Oh yes, they've got their man Jarret

at Cypher Headquarters already.

EXT. CYPHER H.Q.

JARKET running.....

NO DIALOGUE

Surrounded by masked men. He is shot - bundled into

van.

ZOOM IN ON WINDOW -GEORGE WEBSTER staring at the whole incident. NO DIALOGUE

BETTY:

Hello Masters. What kind of a day has

it been ?

GUARD:

Oh the usual Monday Miss.... routine and

boring.

BETTY:

Nobody trying to steal the secret papers ?

GUARD:

Just routine and boring.

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EXT. FIELD

MOTHER:

So the Minister had to call us in after all.

It's a feather in our caps.

STEED:

Definitely.

TARA:

A whole Indian head-dress.

MOTHER:

It's also a darned nuisance. M.I.12 losing one of their men, having the audzoity to ask

us to find him.

STEED:

Roger Jarret.

TARA:

How long's he been missing.

MOTHER:

Twenty-four hours. That's M.I. 12 for you. Complete panic. Typical of them - terrible preoccupation with gimmicks and gadgets ... I said no gadget will ever take the place of

a man.

STEED:

Or woman.

Where does the trail start.

MOTHER:

Jarret's apartment.

TARA:

And ends ...?

MOTHER:

Cypher H.Q. Jarret was supposed to be there

all day yesterday.

TARA:

I'll take Jarret's apartment.

STEED:

And I'll go and brush up on my Cyphers.

EXT. CYPHER H.Q.

STEED ARRIVES.

NO DIALOGUE

INT. WEBSTER'S OFFICE

BETTY:

Excuse mo Mr. Webster - Mr. Steed to

see you.

WEBSTER:

Well send him in.

STEED:

How do you do?

WEBSTER:

How do you do ?

STEED:

I suppose the Minister told you to expect ne.

WEBSTER:

Yes - but frankly, I didn't really understand

what it was all about.

STEED:

Well it's just routine. We want to pin-point exactly the time that Jarret left here yesterday.

WEBSTER:

Jarret ? I ve never seen this man before.

INT. JARRET'S FLAT

TARA:

(reads)

This might mean something

'With all my love - Yvette'.

FERRET:

With all - means urgent. Love - crash priority.

And Yvette is our man in Paris.

TARA:

You actually go in for that sort of thing

at M.I. 12 ?

FERRET:

Very careless of Jarret, this should have been

destroyed immediately.

PETERS:

I've finished in the - a - bedroom, Ferret,

and a few prints in the bathroom.

FERRET:

All right Peters, cover the area on that

table and the door.

PETERS:

For the collection.

TARA:

Your Mr. Jarret's certainly an elusive chap.

FERRET:

A requisite of the profession Miss King.

TARA:

I thought all Agents were supposed to leave

hundreds of clues behind them.

FERRET:

Which is exactly what Roger Jarret did.

TARA:

Oh:

FERRET:

The bottle of milk in the kitchen -- sour.

The dregs in this cup -- mouldy. The shaving

brush in the bathroom -- dry.

Each one a clue Miss King, proving that he hasn't been in this flat for two days.

I can say quite definitely that Roger Jarret

left here on Sunday.

TARA:

I'm afraid not.

FERRET:

I beg your pardon?

TARA:

It seems Mr. Jarret didn't leave at all.

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INC. WEBSTER'S OFFICE

STEED:

Well either Jarret disappeared on his way

here - or - a ...

WEBSTER:

Or he arrived here and I didn't see him. Well that's extremely unlikely. As Director of this H.Q. I am aware of everything that

happens here.

STEED:

All the same -

WEBSTER:

You may check with my staff, if you wish.

INT. CYPHER OFFICE

WEBSTER:

Myra - this is John Steed.

STEED:

How do you do?

WEBSTER:

Myra records all departures and arrivals

at this department ...

MYRA:

Mmm. Handsome, but not really my type.

WEBSTER:

Have you ever seen that man before, Myra.

MYRA:

No. Who is he anyway?

STEED:

Well his name's Jarret. He was supposed to

have arrived here yesterday on a spot

security check.

MYRA:

Well in that case, I certainly would remember

him ... IF I'd seen him.

STEED:

Well perhaps you were - out to lunch when

he arrived.

MYRA:

That's possible.

Oh but certainly not yesterday. I

didn't go out to lunch yesterday ... the

weather was against me.

STEED:

Oh.

WEBSTER:

Satisfied Mr.Steed?

INT.WEBSTER'S OFFICE

WEBSTER:

We are very proud of our security here, people

do not just wander in and out unnoticed.

Your Mr. Jarret was never here.

STEED:

The weather?

WEBSTER:

The weather?

STEED:

Myra. She said she didn't go to lunch because the weather was against her. Now why should she

say that?

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WEBSTER:

Obviously that it rained heavily yesterday.

STEED:

Rained ? Did it ?

WEBSTER:

Mr. Steed, I appreciate your concern but it's quite clear I'm unable to help you,

and I am rather busy.

STEED:

Of course. Oh, while I'm here - your security arrangements. Err - an establishment like this - well it's responsible for all top secret codes ... we tend to worry old chap.

WEBSTER:

You've already seen our perimeter. And every filing cabinet out there is wired to an alarm. And should they fail - the master alarm.

STEED:

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Just testing gentlemen - just testing. Err, very impressive Mr. Webster.

Very impressive.

INT. JARRET'S FLAT.

FERRET:

Oh come along Peters!

PETERS:

You know that always was his bad side, I don't

suppose we could -

FERRET:

No you cannot.

PETERS:

Oh.

FERRET:

Now Miss King, if we could make a list

of his personal possessions....

TARA:

Certainly sir.

FERRET:

In duplicate.

TARA:

Quite. Personal possessions.

Combs - one.

RERRET:

High frequency resonators - one.

Special issue.

TARA:

Tie pin - one.

FERRET:

Microphone - one.

TARA:

Wallet ?

FERRET:

Sorry - survival kit. K-Issue.

 $T\Lambda R\Lambda$:

I'll bet that's not a cigarette case?

FERRET:

Point two-two automatic pistol with twin magazines and self loader. You open it to

fire.

TARA:

A hand operated short range grenade.

FERRET:

Hard luck! It's his despatch case.

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TARA:

Astonishing!

FERRET:

I don't know - twist the top -

TARA:

No I mean - a - astonishing that Mr. Jarret should have all these marvellious gadgets and

still disappear.

April first.

FERRET:

How very odd.

PETERS:

What was so special about yesterday ..?

TARA:

His death.

FERRET:

Hmm... But why the page of a calender ...?

EXT. BLOCK OF FLATS.

CHARLES MASKIN gazing thru

telescope:

HIS P.O.V. of

FERRET at window.

MASKIN: (into mic)

Maskin to control. They seem to have

found something.

VOICE (F/X) over mic:

Can you make out what it is ?

MASKIN: (into mic)

Well it looks like . . . like a page from a calender.

VOICE: (over mic)

Anything more ?

MASKIN: (into mic)

No, it seems quite ordinary.

There's a car coming, I'll call you back.

INT. JARRET'S FLAT

FERRET:

Most annoying. The one thing that could

help us is missing.

TARA:

What's that ?

FERRET:

His cigarette lighter.

TARA:

I don't see how that can help us.

FERRET:

By taking pictures.

TARA:

Ah - but of course, you mean the single lens reflex automatic magazine load--

cigarette lighter!

FERRET:

Absolutely.

STEED:

With the built-in light meter. No smoker should be without one.

FERRET:

Mmm, it's Jarret's all right.

Was there a film ?

STEED:

Yes, I had it developed.

But I really - a - can't see why he

bothered.

EXT. BLOCK OF FLATS

MASKIN still watching

flat.

NO DIALOGUE

INT. JARRET'S FLAT

FERRET:

Then he did go to Cypher H.Q.

STEED:

The camera cannot lie -- which is more than

you can say for the Director.

TARA:

Webster ?

STEED:

Mmm. He swore on every civil service manual that he'd never laid eyes on Jarret.

FERRET:

Impossible. Webster had a triple star clearance. He can't lie.

STEED:

I'm delighted to hear that, He can't lie.

How come I found this on his desk.

FERRET:

Then someone else took it there.

TARA:

Wait a minute!

The calender. It's the same page!

FERRET:

This is most disturbing. Every code we use comes from Cypher H.Q. If there's a leakage

there

PETERS:

These aren't right.

STEED:

What aren't ?

PETERS:

The photographs - there's no point to them. Why should Jarret go to all the trouble of taking sneak pictures of scenes like these ?

STEED:

Why indeed.

FERRET:

To prove he was there, perhaps ?

PETERS:

But why bother -- unless he knew he

wasn't going to get out.

I'd like to spend a bit of time with these.

Blow them up on the projector.

FERRET:

All right Peters. We're about finished here

anyway.

PETERS:

Right.

EXT. BLOCK OF FLATS

MASKIN still observing

Jarret's flat.

NO DILLLOGUE

INT. JARRET'S FLAT

STEED:

There's still the problem of finding Jarret.

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TARA:

We didn't tell him, did we ?

STEED:

Tell me what ?

TARA:

Jarret.

STEED:

Yes.

TARA:

You're sitting on him.

EXT. BLOCK OF FLATS.

PETERS LEAVES BUILDING. LADDER IS REMOVED.

MASKIN:

He's got the photographs with him.

VICKERS:

That's handy.

EXT. MINISTRY BLOCK

PETERS CAR ARRIVES. WINDOW CLEANING VAN ARRIVES.

INT. PHOTO LAB.

PETERS at work.

NO DIALOGUE

EXT. MINISTRY BLOCK (INTERCUTTING)

LADDER put into

position. MAN climbing.

NO DIALOGUE

Intercutting.

INT. PHOTO LAB.

PETERS:

Hello Steed. Peters here. I was right -

those photographs

STEED'S VOICE (thru phone)

Peters ? Hello. Peters ?

COMMERCIAL BREAK

END OF REEL TWO

897 feet + 4 frames

INT. PHOTO LAB.

TARA:

This is how they did it.

STEED:

Foresight. It's not every assassin that

carries his own ladder.

TARA:

And in broad daylight.

STEED:

They seem to get away with quite a lot of

things in broad daylight.

TARA:

Especially murder.

STEED:

Yes. It's a pity Peters didn't have time to

tell me what he'd found out.

TARA:

What about the photographs?

STEED:

Ah! A trifle over exposed, I'd say.

TARA:

Oh. Well at least we know what he wanted.

STEED:

And what they didn't find. I still have the negative.

TARA:

Oh then we can make more prints.

STEED:

Precisely. Tara will you join me in

my dark room ?

TARA:

Etchings.

STEED: 1

Bromide papers.

TARA:

Going down.

EXT. MINISTRY BLOCK

TARA sliding down

the ladder.

NO DIALOGUE

INT. STEED'S APARTMENT

STEED:

Fresh from the bromide.

TARA:

And not a clue in sight.

STEED:

There must be one somewhere.

Ah!

TARA:

Look. It's that van.

STEED:

Classy Glass Cleaning.

EXT. FIELD

MOTHER:

Ah ha. Window cleaners.

STEED:

We've known stranger methods of cover.

MOTHER:

Yes I'm glad you brought that up.

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MOTHER: (continuing)

Cover.

First Jarret -- Now Peters. The whole

of M.I. 12 will be in a panic. Ha! Ha! Ha!

(laughs)

Oh bad business.

TARA:

Very.

STEED:

Dreadful.

MOTHER:

No - that's why we're taking over.
I'm sending someone into Cypher H.Q.

TARA:

Undercover.

MOTHER:

That's it.

STEED:

Well they know me already.

MOTHER:

Ah! Splendid opportunity for you, my dear.

TARA:

Me.

MOTHER:

Mmm. You. You start tomorrow.

and you Steed.

STEED:

Will be having my windows cleaned.

EXT. CLASSY GLASS CLEANERS

MAN'S VOICE OVER:

Take your places. Right. March on.

Usual drill.

VANS DRIVE OFF.

EXT. COUNTRY LANES

WINDOW CLEANING VANS

TRAVELLING ALONG.

NO DIALOGUE

INT. CYPHER OFFICE

MYRA:

... have a light ?

TARA:

TARA:

 Mmmm .

WEBSTER'S VOICE: (over

Miss King - come in please.

inter-com)

Yes sir.

INT. WEBSTER'S OFFICE

WEBSTER:

Get me the Q Cypher file please.

Give this to the guard.

TARA:

Yes sir.

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INT. CYPHER H.Q. OFFICE

TARA:

"Q" File.

EXT. CYPHER H.Q.

TARA'S P.O.V. OF VAN

NO DIALOGUE

INT. CYPHER H.Q. OFFICE

GUARD:

Come along Miss.

OPERATOR V.O.

Number please.

TARA: (into phone)

Outside line please.

MYRA:

Have you got a light ?

TARA:

Oh sorry, I completely forgot.

INT. STEED'S APARTMENT

TELEPHONE RINGING....F/X.

EXT. CLASSY GLASS CLEANERS

STEED ARRIVES.

NO DIALOGUE

INT. CLASSY GLASS CLEANERS

LATHER:

Good morning, sir. Lather's the name.

Charles Lather.

STEED:

John Steed. Looking for a window cleaner.

LATHER:

Then look no further. At Classy-Glass the world is our window. Now, what did

you have in mind?

STEED:

Well - I -

LATHER:

Anti-clockwise James - always anti-clockwise.

Apprentices, they will try the easy way.

STEED:

You can't be too careful.

LATHER:

Exactly. There are no short cuts to the top of our ladder. Here, we really care

about windows.

STEED:

I'm delighted to hear it.

LATHER:

Boautiful Wilson. Lovely touch with a leather. A - but just a shade more wrist

action, there's a good lad.

We only use the finest camel skin you know.

STEED:

Camel skin ?

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LATHER: Hold twice as much water.

STEED: Of course.

LATHER: Now we can offer you three services.

Wash and dry. Cream shoupon with a

hot air finish. And our full deluxe treatment with leather glazing and

crystal clear finish.

STEED: Nothing but the best.

LATHER: Splendid. I'll book you for our deluxe.

Now, approximately how many windows .

will require treatment ?

STEED: Approximately - one.

LATHER: One!

STEED: Oooh, it's a very beautiful window - it's

the family seat. Had to have the rest of

then boarded up.

LATHER: Boarded - you've boarded up your windows.

STEED: I know it's tragic but it's death duties

you know. We've only got one room left.

LATHER: I'm sorry Mr. Steed, but we owe a duty to

our employees. The sight of all those

boarded windows . . . men have cracked under

less.

STEED: Pity, it's just round the corner from one of

your regular clients.

LATHER: Oh ?

STEED: Yes, the Cypher Headquarters.

LATHER: I don't recall . . .

STEED: Ministry of Defence.

LATHER: The Cypher Headquarters.?

STEED: Oh, what are they on now?

LATHER: Oh, - bathroom windows. Eyes front Wilson.

Cypher Headquarters you say. Ah, of course, I remember, double glazed with moulded frame -

. ... urghh — ghastly.

But we haven't touched them for months. We used to have the contract, yes, but gave it up - uneconomic. Besides, all that grey

concrete -- quite soul destroying.

STEED: Oh I see.

LATHER: But if you ever decide to re-open your

windows -

STEED: If I ever decide to re-open - you'll be the

first to know.

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STEED:

If I ever decide to re-open. You shall

be the first to know.

LATHER: (LAUGHS)

Ha! Ha! Ha!

Anti-clockwise gentlemen.

EXT. CLASSY GLASS CLEANERS

STEED'S CAR DRIVES OFF -

VAN FOLLOWS.

NO DIALOGUE

EXT. COUNTRY ROAD

STEED'S CAR followed

by VAN.

NO DIALOGUE

CHASE SEQUENCE

COMMERCIAL BREAK

THE AVENGERS I.D. CARD

COMMENTATOR:

THE AVENCERS WILL CONTINUE FOLLOWING THIS

PAUSE FOR STATION IDENTIFICATION.

A.B.C. LOGO CARD.

THE AVENGERS I.D. CARD

COMMERCIAL BREAK

END OF REEL THREE

793 feet + 13 frames

EXT.COUNTRY ROAD

OPERATOR: (thru phone) V.O.

Number please.

STEED: (into phone)

Get me Cypher H.Q. Lessington please.

OPERATOR: (thru phone) V.O.

Sorry sir. All lines are engaged.

STEED:

Well then use the security line - zero one

zero.

OPERATOR: (thru phone) V.O.

Hello caller, I'm afraid the security line

is out of order.

STEED:

I see - thank you.

EXT. FIELD/EXT.COUNTRY ROAD - intercutting.

MOTHER: (into phone)

Mother speaking.

STEED: (into phone)

Mother - Steed. How quickly can you get

someone around to Cypher H.Q?

MOTHER: (into phone)

Well I suppose I could get someone from

M.I. 12. Ferret perhaps.

STEED: (into phone)

Good. Get him over there right away.

MOTHER: (V.O.thru phone)

Right, now what's all this about ?

STEED: (into phone)

I think someone needs to be there.

Tara may need help.

(V.0 thru phone)

And I'm tied up with a ladder.

MOTHER: (into phone)

A ladder ?

STRED: (into phone)

Yes, and I've a nasty feeling that the other

end is at - a - Cypher H.Q.

MOTHER: (into phone)

Steed - are you all right ?

STEED: (V.

(V.O. thru phone)

Perfectly - don't waste time, Mother.

MOTHER: (into phone)

Ferret - I've got a job for you.

Cypher H.Q.

EXT. CYPHER H.Q.

FERRET arrives.

NO DIALOGUE

INT. CYPHER H.Q.

FERRET reacts.

FERRET:

Miss King ?

EXT. COUNTRY ROAD

STEED gets into car and starts up.

NO DIALOGUE

INT. CYPHER H.Q. OFFICE

MYRA:

Thanks Tara.

TARA:

That's all right.

WEBSTER:

Miss King!! Haven't you got that Q file

yet?

TARA:

Oh, I'm sorry Mr. Webster. I must have

forgotten to - - -

WEBSTER: (interjects)

Is that really the time - it's almost five

o'clock.

Well there's no time to deal with it now, let me have it first thing in the morning.

EXT. CYPHER H.Q.

TARA:

Air conditioning - At last:

Compliments of Classy-Glass.

The people who really care about windows!

TARA:

STEED:

So they are involved?

STEED:

Well I was expecting you to tell me -

weren't they here?

TARA:

No.

STEED:

That's odd. What time did Ferret leave you?

TARA:

Ferret.?

STEED:

Well he was here all this afternoon.

TARA:

Steed, I've had a perfectly ordinary - perfectly boring day. And if Mr. Ferret had been in the building, I'd have seen him.

STEED:

No window cleaners ?

TARA:

Anyway, they'd hardly clean the windows when

it's been raining all day.

STEED:

Raining!

Dry as a bone.

TARA:

Steed that's ridiculous. I'm sure it

was raining.

STEED:

But if it wasn't

INT. STEED'S APARTMENT

TARA:

Then I imagined it.

But that's impossible. And yet

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STEED:

Yes.

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TARA: You said Ferret went to Cypher H.Q.

STEED: Well he was supposed to, but he obviously

didn't get there or you'd have seen him.

TARA: Yes.

STEED: You didn't see him, did you?

TARA: I don't think so.

STEED: You'd either know or you wouldn't.

TARA: I didn't see him.

STEED: And nothing unusual happened all day.

TARA: It was a perfectly ordinary, perfectly boring

day. Well, what's the next move ?

STEED: Late night lurks.

TARA: Where ?

STEED: CLassy Glass Cleaning.

EXT. CLASSY GLASS YARD

TARA: I suppose it could be a perfectly harmless

company?

STEED: With a very lethal line in ladders.

STEED: You take that side.

TARA: Steed.....

STEED: One of the tricks of the trade!

TARA: I told you he wasn't at Cypher H.Q.

STEED: That's what they said about Jarret!

MASKIN: Time to take him home.

VICKERS: Right, Anything special?

MASKIN: Yes, put him in the bath. Could look

like an accident.

VICKERS: Right. What about tomorrow. Is it still on ?

MASKIN: Of course it is.

Tomorrow is yesterday again.

TARA: But how did they do it ?

I was watching those cypher files all day

and nothing happened.

STEED: Except that it rained.

TARA: Yeah.

And I forgot the Q file.

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STEED:

Hiaramia?

TARA:

Nothing. Except that I've the strangest feeling, as though today didn't happen

at all.

STEED:

Well then tomorrow we'd better make certain.
You ring me every half hour, what ever happens.

TARA:

And if I stop ?

STEED:

I'll be with you - post haste - -

TARA:

Make sure you don't walk under any ladders.

EXT. CYPHER H.Q.

ESTABLISHING SHOT.

END OF REEL FOUR

746 feet + 8 frames

INT. CYPHER H.Q. OFFICE

TARA:

Good morning Mr. Webster, the Q file.

WEBSTER:

Oh, yes - yes - I must get on with it

today.

(clears throat)

May I have your attention please. I think I should tell you all now that the

output from our cypher and decoding

departments has deteriorated remarkably during the past week. Now while I realize the work is demanding, and accuracy is vital, there is simply no excuse for this present lack of effort. I trust that you will all rectify

this situation without delay.

MYRA:

Don't know why he's so upset. We've been

working the same as always.

TARA:

Mmm. Did it rain yesterday?

MYRA:

Of course.

TARA:

And the day before ?

MYRA:

Miserable. What's that got to do with it?

TARA:

Nothing - I was just thinking. Homm.

INT. STEED'S APARTMENT (Inter-cutting for telephone conversation)

TARA: (into phone)

Hello Steed.

STEED: (into phone)

Oh good morning. How's the weather ?

TARA:

Changeable.

STEED: V.O. "

Splendid.

TARA: "

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By the way, it might be worth taking another

look at those photographs.

STEED: " "

Any particular reason ?

TARA: " "

Well according to Mr. Webster - output has deteriorated remarkably.

STEED: " "

Oh I see. Well we mustn't waste time in idle chatter. Backs to the wheel.

Goodbye.

TARA: V.O.

Goodbye.

INT. STEED'S APARTMENT

STEED brooding at projected pictures.

NO DIALOGUE

EXT. COUNTRY ROAD

CLASSY-GLASS VANS TRAVELLING.

NO DIALOGUE

INT. STEER'S APARTMENT /INT. CYPHER OFFICE intercutting

TARA: (into phone)

Ten o'clock and all's well.

STEED: (into phone)

Any faces at the window?

TARA: (into phone)

All clear.

WEBSTER:

Miss King.

Personal calls are not allowed.

TARA:

I'm sorry Mr. Webster, I didn't know.

WEBSTER:

Come in Please.

TARA:

Yes sir.

EXT. COUNTRY ROAD

VICKERS:

The line's blocked sir.

MASKIN:

Right. Harper and Lang cover the road.

Davis and Waller - the trees at the back.

DAVIS:

Same procedure as before?

MASKIN:

Yes, scare off any unwelcome visitors....

unless Steed shows his face.

DAVIS:

And then ?

MASKIN:

Put a bullet in it!

VICKERS:

All clear at the gate.

MASKIN:

Right, masks on, usual drill.

COMMERCIAL BREAK

INT. STEED'S APARTMENT

STEED still at

projector.

NO DIALOGUE

EXT. CYPHER H.Q.

MASKIN: (thru mask)

I'll take care of the main entrance. Make sure

they hit those ventilators fast.

EXT. ROOF CYPHER H.Q.

MASKED MAN putting cylinder

pipe thru ventilator.

NO DIALOGUE

INT. CYPHER H.Q.

VAPOUR SEEPING THRU.

NO DIALOGUE

INT. STEED'S APARTMENT

STEED re-acts to projected picture. Picks up telephone.

OPERATOR V.O.thru phone:

I'm sorry sir but the line is out of order.

INT. CYPHER H.Q.OFFICE

MAN:

We're okay now.

MASKIN:

You've checked the tapes ?

VICKERS:

Yes, sir.

MASKIN:

Get moving then.

And get these files open I want this

job finished today.

VOICE OVER:

The time is ten thirty and it has just begun to rain. It is a perfectly normal, perfectly ordinary day, and work continues as it would on any ordinary day. It is eleven fifteen. Raining quite heavily now. But still a

perfectly ordinary day. It's been a perfectly normal, perfectly ordinary day. Raining quite heavily, but still a perfectly ordinary day.

..... perfectly ordinary day

a perfectly ordinary day.

END OF REEL FIVE

636 feet + 12 frames

EXT. CYPHER H.Q./INT.WOODS.

STEED grabs Man and changes clothes.

NO DIALOGUE

MAN'S VOICE:

Fred. Fred.

FIGHT SEQUENCE:

INT. CYPHER H.Q. OFFICE

MASKIN: How many more to go ?

MAN: The last lot now sir.

MASKIN: The perfect operation.

VICKERS: Sandwich sir ?

MASKIN: Oh what's she got today?

VICKERS: Ham and chutney.

MASKIN: Oh no thanks. Time to check ou

patients.

VICKERS: Right.

STEED:

FIGHT SEQUENCE

STEED: With or without milk ?

VOICE OVER: It's been a perfectly normal day.

MAN'S VOICE: AD LIB SHOUTING Four turn Steed....

VOICE OVER: It's been a perfectly normal day....

INT. WEBSTER'S OFFICE

VOICE OVER: It is now three thirty-five and it has

been a perfectly normal, perfectly ordinary day. In a little while you will hear a bell, perhaps a telephone, or a clock, but at the sound of a bell you will awaken with no memory other than of a normal ..ordinary day - a bell.....

a bell....

TARA: Oh hello Steed.

STEED: Busy day?

TARA: Mmm. not really. Nothing unusual happened.

STEED: Funny you should say that.

TARA: But what happened...?

FIGHT ST JENCE

STEED:

You were asleep. Hypnotic gas.

FIGHT SEQUENCE CONTINUES - IN CYPHER OFFICE

STEED:

There we are.

INT.WEBSTER'S OFFICE

LATHER:

That will be quite sufficient Mr. Steed.

STEED:

Ah, Mr. Lather, I was wondering which

window you'd drop into.

LATHER:

You've caused us a great deal of trouble, but your mistake was in meeting us on our

own ground.

STEED:

Like Mr. Ferret ?

LATHER:

Hmm. He died without even disturbing the office routine. You see, that's the beauty of hypnotics. People only see what you want

them to see.

STEED:

Splendid idea. Climb in any window -

no-one blinks an eye.

LATHER:

Exactly. Even when I pull this trigger....

STEED:

Sorry old chap, you've forgottem the cardinal

rule for window cleaners.

LATHER:

What's that ?

STEED:

Never leave your ladder unattended.

STEED:

They could use you in the Fire Brigade.

COMMERCIAL BREAK

TARA:

I just can't seem to do it.

STEED:

Ah!

Solved it. What were you saying ?

TARA:

That I didn't think I'd ever be a hypnotist.

STEED:

Oh don't be ridiculous. It's the simplest thing in the world. But this part of it is highly elementary. All you need, is a

superior mind.

TARA:

You mean you can do it ? Hypnotize people ?

STEED:

Well of course.

TARA:

Show me.

STEED:

Now ?

TARA:

Why not ?

STEED:

Good question.

And as I said I can't think of a good answer -

I'll go right ahead.

Now Tara, I'm going to take you back into the darkest recesses of your subconscious to experience again the long forgotten moment

of childhood - a tour of your mind.

You're sitting comfortably ?

TARA:

MMmmm.

STEED:

Concentrate on the watch.

Back and forth. Back and forth. Back and forth. Slowly, slowly, your mind is beginning to empty of all cares. Darkness, black as a Raven's wing is beginning to engulf you.

Your eyes are heavy....

You want to sleep. You must sleep. Deeply.

Deeply. Sleep. Sleep

(sleepily)

STEED: YAWNS:

TARA:

Steed! Steed!

STEED:

What is your command ?

TARA:

Stand up. Now walk to the door.

Stop. Now you're going to go downstairs and get into your car and drive out into the country to our favourite restaurant and buy a very expensive dinner for two.

STEED:

I obey.

Who's paying ?

TARA:

I am.

STEED: (mu

(music overlaid:)

I obey. Indubitably I obey.

COMMERCIAL BREAK

END TITLES

ABC LOGO CARD

THE AVENCERS I.D. CARD

COMMENTATOR:

THE AVENCERS HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO YOU TONIGHT

BY -

COMMERCIAL BREAK

ABC LOGO CARD

END OF REEL SIX

771 feet + 15 frames

LENGTH OF EPISODE:

<u>4663 feet + 8 frames</u>

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