# "THE AVENGERS"

"NOON-DOOMSDAY"

DIALOGUE SHEETS

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MAIN TITLES

#### EXT. DESERTED RAILWAY STATION

LONG SHOT TO MED. SHOT DESERTED RAILS AND STATION. NO DIALOGUE

EXT. OPEN COUNTRY

TWO HORSEMEN - they ride

away from camera.

NO DIALOGUE

EXT. DESERTED RAILWAY STATION

GRANT:

When.

FARRINGTON:

Not long.

GRANT:

I mean exactly when ?

FARRINGTON:

Twelve. We kill John Steed at twelve noon.

GRANT:

Twelve noon.

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INT. STEED'S APARTMENT

MOTHER:

You know, Rhonda - I absolutely abhor noise - and what I like about you is your complete noiselessness. A rare quality in a woman... No, no, no. Don't spoilt it - don't say anything. Put the silencers on. And reduce them to a muffled buzz.

MOTHER: (into phone)

Yes! What ?

TARA: (V.O. thru phone)

Steed.

MOTHER: (into phone)

Do I sound like Steed.

TARA: (V.O. thru phone)

No, you sound tetchy, irritable....

Mother!

MOTHER: (into phone)

Yes, Mother! Miss King.

TARA: (V.O. thru phone)

What are you doing at Steed's Apartment?

MOTHER: (into phone)

Occupying it.

TARA: (V.O. thru phone)

Listen, is Steed having a party or something ?

- I can soon get over there and join in.

MOTHER: (into phone)

No. I am just borrowing Steed's apartment whilst my own chambers are being re-decorated.

TARA: (V.O. thru phone)

Isn't it the timiest bit crowded there ?

MOTHER: (into phone)

I'll say it is. No, no, no. no. Steed's not

here, he went to Department 'S'.

TARA: (V.O. thru phone)

Department 'S' Is he badly hurt ?

Oh how is he?

MOTHER: (into phone)

As well as can be expected.

TARA: (V.O. thru phone)

I must go and see him. Can that be arranged?

MOTHER: (into phone)

I suppose so. You know the drill.

TARA: (V.O. thru phone)

Yes.

MOTHER: (into phone)

We'd better synchronise our watches. Nine forty-seven and thirty-five seconds.

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TARA: (V.O. thru phone)

Right.

MOTHER: (into phone)

You can go in at ten-thirty precisely.

TARA: (V.O. thru phone)

Right.

MOTHER: (into phone)

And when I say precisely, I mean precisely. One half second the wrong way and you'll be

dead Miss King. Quite dead.

# EXT. OPEN COUNTRY/INT. TAXI.

TARA travelling in taxi.

NO DIALOGUE

#### INT. STEED'S APARTMENT

MOTHER: (into phone)

A break-out? Any idea who's on the loose? Oh well, check up and let me know immediately.

Department 'S' Security. Mother here.

Entry countdown starting .. now ... five, four,

three, two, one .... zero!

#### EXT. OPEN COUNTRY

TARA moves across grass towards lake.

NO DIALOGUE

#### EXT. DESERTED RAILWAY LINE

GRANT orashes bottle on

line.

NO DIALOGUE

#### EXT. MINE FIELD & BARBED WIRE FENCES

TARA crossing the field.

NO DIALOGUE

### EXT. FARM YARD AND BUILDINGS

CORNWALL standing - gun

in hand.

NO DIALOGUE

REEL ONE

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TARA APPRO.CHES.

CORNWALL:

Just testing. Over there.

INT. COMMON ROOM

TARA:

Steed....?

STEED:

Tara!

TARA:

Oh Steed!

STEED:

How nice to see you. You found

your way out here then ?

TARA:

Yes, just about. The approach is the tiniest bit unconventional.

STEED:

Well it's charming countryside though - don't you think ? Now pull up a chair and

tell me all about the outside world.

TARA:

No, first things first. I've brought you

some grapes.

STEED:

Grapes!

TARA:

I hope it's not against the rules .

STEED: (laughs)

Ha! Ha!

Absolutely forbidden. The glasses are over

there.

TARA:

Hmmm. Supposed to be an extra special

vintage. - every grape hand trod.

EXT. DESERTED RAILWAY LINE

GUN SHOTS:

MAN:

Nice shooting.

EXT. YARD AND BUILDINGS

CORNWALL moving away

from camera.

NO DIALOGUE

INT. COMMON ROOM

TARA:

Who's he?

STEED:

Mmmmm ?

TARA:

The watch dog ?

STEED:

Oh that's Giles Cornwall. He's in charge

of Security. He's a nice chap.

### EXT. YARD AND BUILDINGS INTERCUTTING

## INT. COMMON ROOM (continued)

TARA:

He takes his job very seriously, doesn't he.

STEED:

He has to. I can't say I envy him ...... after all, what's more vunerable than a

wounded agent ?

TARA:

Two wounded agents ?

STEED:

Ha! Ha! Exactly. And at any given time he has a bevy of them here to look after.

TARA:

That can't be right.

STEED:

This is the most secret nursing home in the country, and what's more . . . .

TARA:

I meant "bevy". A bevy of secret agents ?

That can't be right ?

STEED:

You know I don't think there is a collective noun for us. How about a lurking of secret

TARA:

A skulking ?

STEED:

A contentment.

TARA:

Agents aren't particularly contented.

STEED:

Mmm. This one is.

END OF REEL ONE

903 feet + 5 frames.

EXT. YARD AND BUILDINGS

HYDE:

Would you like me to prescribe something

for those nerves ?

CORNWALL:

Sorry Doctor.

HYDE:

Really Cornwall. We're ringed round with

minefields and electrified fences....

and I don't see how ....

CORNWALL: (interjects)

I had to switch the defences off to let the visitor in. Always leaves me feeling

a bit jumpy.

HYDE:

Two minutes slow.

That is Willow herb - it's a weed.

INT. COMMON ROOM

HYDE:

Morning Steed.

STEED:

Good morning Doctor. May I introduce Miss

Tara King - this is Doctor Hyde.

TARA:

How do you do ?

HYDE:

Ocoh! Cornwall told me we had a visitor.

He didn't tell me it was a girl and a

charming one at that.

STEED:

He probably regarded it as restricted

information.

TARA:

Tell me Doctor, how is he ?

HYDE:

Do you intend to dine with him the moment

he's up and about ?

STEED:

Yes.

HYDE:

Huh. Then I predict a quite remarkable

recovery.

THEY LAUGH

HYDE:

Excuse me.

HYDE:

Oh, by the way Steed - save me a drop of

that champagne.

INT. BARN

CORNWALL IS ATTACKED.

NO DIALOGUE

INT.COMMON ROOM

TARA:

You know you still haven't told me how

it happened?

STEED:

Eh?

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TARA: Your leg.

STEED: It happened when I was crossing the wall.

TARA: Berlin ?

STEED: Garden.

TARA: Oh.

STEED: Well it's not as unromantic as it sounds.

I was chasing someone at the time - across

five gardens.

TARA: Who were you chasing ?

STEED: A suspected saboteur.

TARA: A ruthless type ?

STEED: Utterly. Trampled right across a bed of

Queen Mary roses!

Ooop!

STEED: Sorry Doctor Carson.

CARSON: Good mcrning!

STEED: 'Morning.

CARSON: You haven't seen Sir Rodney, have you?

STEED: I haven't seen him all morning.

CARSON: Oh, well time for this injection, if you

do happen to see him.

STEED: I'll be happy to tell him.

CARSON: Thanks.

STEED: 0oops.

TARA: So - you went over the wall -

STEED: Ah! Yes. Swung myself to the top.....

TARA: And that's when he shot you?

STEED: I shot him!

A rather pretty snap-shot at eighty yards.

TARA: And then -?

STEED: I moved in for the coup - swung myself to the

ground and straight onto a -

TARA: (interjects) Booby trap.

STEED: Huh - cucumber frame. It was very nasty.

EXT. DESERTED RAILWAY LINE

FARRINGTON: It's Angela's birthday on Saturday.

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GRANT: Angela! Who's Angela?

FARRINGTON: My niece. She's nine years old on Saturday.

It wouldn't do to forget her birthday. I can't think what to buy her though.

GRANT: What's that got to do with killing Steed?

FARRINGTON: Why nothing. Whoever said that it had?

I wonder if she's too old for a dolls

house?

INT. COMMON ROOM

TARA: I went and picked up your letters at

your apartment.

STEED: Oh, thank you very much.

SIR RODNEY: Good morning.

STEED: Ah, Sir Rodney - Carson was looking for you

with hypodermic poised.

TARA LAUGHS

SIR RODNEY: I shall be in my room.

STEED: Sir Rodney Woodham-Baines.

TARA: I thought he was a diplomat.

STEED: He is a diplomat.

TARA: Then how did he get - mmm -

STRED: Someone through a bomb.....

during the peace talks.

Now there's a pity. I've been sent a ticket

for the opera - June the 19th.

TARA: That's today, isn't it?

STEED: Mmmm. and I won't be going.

Hey, perhaps you could make use of it ?

TARA: I don't think either of us will be making

use of this ticket for June - 19th

seven years ago.

STEED: Well I've heard of things being lost in the

post, but that's ridiculous.

TARA: Crazy.

STEED: Well someone's playing a joke.

TARA: If they are, I don't get the punch-line.

Maybe it comes later - seven years later.

STEED: June the 19th.

TARA: Remembered something ?

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STEED:

June the 19th. June the 19th seven years

ago. Seven years ago to the day.

Almost to the hour.

EXT. RAILWAY

GRANT FIRING GUN

FARRINGTON:

A bullet's very accurate.

But noisy.

INT. COMMON ROOM

TARA: (into phone)

(into phone)

Hello. Hello.

STEED:

Dead as a doornail.

TARA:

Probably just a temporary fault.

Hello. Hello:

LYALL:

Hell-o! You know I've always felt there was something lacking

around here... and now I know just what. Well, come on Steed, don't keep her all

to yourself - introduce me.

STEED:

Roger Lyall - Tara King.

LYALL:

Definitely a pleasure.

STEED:

Would you mind taking her to Cornwall's

office ?

LYALL:

Would I mind ?

STEED:

There's a radio transmitter there for

emergencies.

EXT. FARM AND BUILDINGS

TARA & LYALL walking

across to office.

NO DIALOGUE

INT. CORNWALL'S OFFICE

LYALL:

Cornwall! Huh. Nobody home.

TARA:

Can I have a look at the transmitter?

LYALL:

Over here.

(whistles)

Phew.
I wonder who did this.

TARA:

I think we'd better find Giles Cornwall.

EXT. FARM & BUILDINGS

TARA:

He was prowling around here a little

while ago. I'll look up there.

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LYALL:

Well, it'll make a change.

Having a bit of excitement around here.

INT. COMMON ROOM

LYALL:

Cornwall didn't come in here, did he?

STEED:

No.

Why do you want him ?

LYALL:

Someone has smashed his transmitter.

EXT. FARMYARD & BUILDINGS

FEATURING SUN-DIAL.

NO DIALOGUE

EXT. FARM PE IMETER

TARA:

Cornwall!

JULES:

You will go no further!

TARA:

I go whereever I like.

JULES:

Very well. But beyond the markers the

minefield begins.

TARA:

Oh, I see. I'm sorry - thank you.

I was just looking for Giles Cornwall -

have you seen him ?

What are you doing out here, anyway?

JULES:

Enjoying a rare commodity. Solitude,

Mam'selle - solitude.

INT. COMMON ROOM:

STEED:

Carson! Have you seen Doctor Hyde ?

CARSON:

Not recently. But he must be somewhere

about. Anything I can do ?

STEED:

Well Cornwall can't have the only key to

the defence mechanism. Hyde must have a

spare one hidden away somewhere.

It IS important.

CARSON:

Well I just assist him medically., but -

alright I'll ask him.

EXT. FARM & BUILDINGS

TARA:

Cornwall:

INT. BARN

TARA:

Cornwall!

TARA finds Cornwall's

body.

NO DIVIOCAE

BALES OF STRAW ARE TIPPED

ONTO TARA.

NO DIALOGUE

EXT. FARM & BUILDINGS

TARA looks across to Giles then back to

NO DIALOGUE

INT. BARN

TARA'S

P.O.V. of Cornwall's body. NO DIALOGUE

END OF REEL TWO

922 feet + 9 frames

EXT. RAILWAY

FARRINGTON:

With a boy it's easy. Just lay down a hog's head of good claret - and by the time he's old enough to enjoy it - the

wine's at its most drinkable.

But a girl - I wonder if she's too old

for a teddy bear ?

GRANT:

What time is it?

GRANT:

Well?

FARRINGTON:

Not yet.

INT. STEED'S APARTMENT

MOTHER:

It's a pleasure working with a colleague

who has such a versatile cellar.

Fairly warms the cockles of your heart.
Jolly good fellow Steed, and absolute

paragon of -

I wonder if he buys it all on expenses!

MOTHER: (into phone)

Mother here.

Kafka's escaped! Well of course I know who he'll be gunning for. Steed! It's a good thing he happens to be in the only place where

no-one can get at him.

EXT. FARM & BUILDINGS

PERRIER AND LYALL come out of barn.

NO DIALOGUE

TARA RUNNING.

INT. COMMON ROOM

TARA:

I think it's time you told me what this is

all about.

STEED:

Cornwall's dead.

TARA:

Very!

STEED:

And they key to the defences ?

TARA:

Gone - so's his gun.

STEED:

Gerard Kafka. Mean anything to you?

TARA:

You told me about him, didn't you.

He was Head of Murder International and you

grabbed him a few years ago.

STEED:

Seven years ago. . . to the day.
June the 19th. At twelve noon.

TARA:

But - he has life imprisonment.

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STEED:

I think this means he's out.

And coming here.

TARA:

Why?

STEED:

To kill me.

LYALL:

Just you?

STEED:

At a guess - yes.

LYALL:

A guess.

STEED:

An educated guess. I don't think you have

anything to fear, Lyall.

LYALL:

Fear, who said anything about fear. If there's any kind of a rumpus, I want to be in on it.

TARA:

Listen, this is mad. Absolutely nothing's

going to happen - because the defence

system - the defence system.

### EXT. FARMHOUSE AND BUILDINGS

TARA RUNS OVER TO THE

DEFENCE MECHANISM POST.

NO DIALOGUE

## INT. COMMON ROOM

TARA:

The system's activated and locked.

No-one can possibly get in.

STEED:

And who has the key?

TARA:

And who killed Cornwall ?

Kafka?

STEED:

No. If he were here, we'd know.

Kafka's not the kind of man to hang about.

No he's not here yet.

LYALL:

But someone is.

STEED:

Someone who had the only gun in the area and the key to the defences. He's only got to unlock them and let Kafka in any time

he wants.

LYALL:

And meanwhile we can't get out.

We're stuck here.

STEED:

I thought I made that clear.

It's me he's after.

LYALL:

Oh, and what about Cornwall ? And who's next ? Who's next ?

TARA:

Come on!

STEED: (V.O.)

Tara! Tara!

EXT. FARM AND BUILDINGS

TARA:

Behind the barn!

Lyall!

LYALL:

It's not my fight.

TARA MOVES TO THE WELL - HER P.O.V.

INT WELL SHAFT

TARA:

Doctor Hyde.

TARA SLIDES DOWN THE ROPE INTO THE WELL.

NO DIALOGUE

EXT. WELL SHAFT

TARA/CARSON FIGHT

SEQUENCE.

NO DIALOGUE

CARSON:

No key. Never get key.

Threw it away.

There.

(sighs)

Ah....

COMMERCIAL BREAK

THE AVENGERS I.D. CARD

COMMENTATOR:

THE AVENCERS WILL CONTINUE FOLLOWING THIS PAUSE FOR STATION IDENTIFICATION.

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THE AVENGERS I.D. CARD

COMMERCIAL BREAK

END OF REEL THREE

703 feet + 8 frames

# EXT. DESERTED RAILWAY STATION

FARRINGTON:

My dear fellow, why don't you sit down?
It's bad for the nerves - you pacing up and

down all the time.

Stomach all knotted up, is it ?

My goodness, you do get edgy, don't you ?

GRANT:

You don't, I suppose ?!

FARRINGTON:

I did. First dozen or so times. But it's just a job of work, sometimes a little messy I'll agree - but not too ardous, and remarkably

well paid.

What do you think of a musical box? For ingela. It would amuse her now - and later when she's grown up - it would still be something to cherish. If she didn't break it. That's the trouble with children nowadays

- so destructive.

### EXT. FARM & BUILDINGS

TARA hurls stone. EXPLOSION.

#### NO DIALOGUE

### INT. COMMON ROOM

TARA:

Switched on and working perfectly. We don't

have a thing to worry about.

STEED:

Carson....

TARA:

He's dead.

STEED:

Oh.

But before he died he threw away the key.

Why?

TARA:

Why ? Well.

STEED:

Carson didn't take the key to let Kafka in. He took it to stop us getting out! Now

that can only mean one thing.

TARA:

Kafka's got another way of getting in.

Well, we've still got the gum. All the odds

are on our side.

STEED:

Yeah - but he won't come alone, he'll be accompanied. They'll be experts - top

professionals.

TARA:

What about the men here ? They're experts.

Top professionals!

STEED:

And they're all wounded - below par.

TARA:

We'll improvise. We'll use our expertise

where it counts most. I'll go and

organise them.....

STEED: (interjects)

Tara! I wouldn't count on too much. Now

where's Lyall ?

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TARA: Oh. He had an attack of nerves.

Temporarily.

STEED: Nerves. That's why he's here.

TARA: Well he'll rally round when the time comes.

They all will. You're rather valuable

property.

EXT. DESERTED RAILWAY

FARRINGTON: The time has come.

EXT. FARM AND BUILDINGS

ESTABLISHING SHOT. NO DIALOGUE

INT. UPPER CORRIDOR

PERRIER'S VOICE: Enter.

PERRIER: Mamoiselle ?

TARA: M'sieur. It's about Steed.

PERRIER: Haumann.

TARA: I presume you know what's been happening

here ?

PERRIER: I have a fair idea. Yes.

TARA: Then you know why I've come to you.

PERRIER: I am an agent of my Government, not yours

Mamoiselle. It has cost a great deal of money to train and develop me into a weapon vital to

the defence of my country.

TARA: Well I appreciate that -

PERRIER: (interjects) I have assessed the situation very carefully.

TARA: (overrides) So you will .....

PERRIER: (overrides) ...and logically. Now if I assist Steed,

the chances are that I too will be killed.

TARA: (overrides) Well that's .....

PERRIER: My death will in no way benefit my country....

therefore there is no justification for

putting my life at risk.

TARA: No justification!

PERRIER: None that I can see.

TARA: Oh I suppose it doesn't matter that Steed

might get killed.

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PERRIER: Oh personally - it matters very much,

I have a great admiration for him. Professionally.... C'est la vie.

TARA: Correction. C'est la guerre!

PERRIER: As you wish, but it is not my War.

TARA: Bon. Merci M'sieur, for your gallantry.

INT. CORRIDOR

BAINES: Ah! Miss King. Do come in. Do come in.

I -

INT. BAINES ROOM

BAINES: Do come in.

I hope I may offer you a drink.

TARA: Mmm. No thank you Sir Rodney, I'd rather

get straight to the point. I need your

help.

BAINES: Of course my dear. By all means. Delighted.

But - a - sit down - sit down. So, the damsel's in distress?

TARA: Steed's in trouble.

BAINES: Steed ?

TARA: Yes, he needs your help. I know you won't

refuse., Sir Rodney.

BAINES: Naturally not. Particularly if it pleases

you. Helps us to get to know one another

better.

TARA: Oh!

BAINES: Hamman.

TARAL Then you will help?

BAINES: Of course my dear. Now, what's Steed been

up to, some indiscretion. You want me to put in a good word at the Ministry. Mmm?

TARA: Listen, don't you know what's been going on

here ?

BAINES: You will have that drink, won't you?

TARA: Didn't you hear the shots?

BAINES: When I'm listening to my music I hardly ever

Err - shots ?

TARA: Yes, Carson, Cornwall, Hyde. They're dead.

BAINES: What do you mean?

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TARA:

I mean exactly what I say - they're all dead. And Steed's in great danger because Kafka's

coming...

BAINES:

Kafka. Gerard Kafka ?

TARA:

You know him ?

He's coming here to kill Steed.

Now if we don't help him, he won't stand a chance. Anyway, now there are two of us.

BAINES:

Err - Miss King! It may be difficult for you to understand -but my political

platform has always been one of non-violence appeasement - My image is that of a dove.
You see my predicament - I want to help indeed I would like to help. But to involve
myself with violence - the dove turned into

the hawk.

My followers would lose faith.

But be assured - should harm befall Steed - I shall speak out loud in the halls of fame - cry out against the senseless destruction of

man by man.

TARA:

I'm sure Steed will appreciate that.

## INT. CORRIDOR/INT.LYALL'S ROOM

TARA'S VOICE:

Mr. Lyall. Mr. Lyall!

SUNLEY'S VOICE:

Can I help. Over here!

# INT. SUNLEY'S ROOM

SUNLEY:

My name is Sunley. Edward Sunley. Got nothing to do but eavesdrop. And I've heard enough to know that you need help now. I - I don't know that there's much I can do, but if you rush me nearer the window, I might

be able to see something to - to warn you.

TARA:

Okay. Lie down. Here we go.

SUNLEY:

What's the exact score.

TARA:

Just me and Steed.

SUNLEY:

And me - don't forget me.

TARA:

I won't.

## EXT. FARM & BUILDINGS

STEED'S P.O.V.

NO DIALOGUE

## INT. COMMON ROOM

STEED:

How are we doing ?

TARA:

Fine. Just fine.

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 $T\Lambda R\Lambda$ :

Command a marvellous view of the whole

area from here.

STEED:

How many exactly ?

TARA:

Listen, weight of numbers isn't always the

answer...

STEED: (interjects)

How many agreed ?

TARA:

Sunley.

STEED:

Oh! Ha! Ha!

Oh good. I thought that Sunley would be the exception. There's nothing much he can do of course, but it's nice to know I was right. I've been here long enough to make a fairly accurate character assessment of my fellow

patients.

Could you make me some tea?

TARA:

Tea ?!

STEED:

Yes. Tea. China if you can find any.

TARA:

Ching song.

END OF REEL FOUR

752 feet + 10 frames

### INT. STEED'S APARTMENT

MOTHER:

Superb. Simply superb.

I didn't miss anything, did I ?

MOTHER: (into phone)

Mother.

What ? Department "S" line out of order.

Hold on.

Put a radio call through to Department "S".

They're not receiving!

Hold on.

Get me Colonel Berman immediately. Put ut a general alert for Kafka.

Condition Red.

Call a conference for all Heads of

Departments immediately.

BERMAN'S VOICE:

Colonel Berman.

MOTHER: (into phone)

Ah: Colonel Berman. Tell me, what's the

situation at Department "S" ?

BERMAN'S VOICE: (mutters)

MOTHER: (into phone)

Oh. All systems functioning?

BERMAN'S VOICE:

Oh yes.

MOTHER: (into phone)

Are you sure ?

BERMAN'S VOICE: (mutters)

MOTHER: (into phone)

Well, I can't tell you how relieved I am old

bean....

(laughs)

It means that Steed is still safe and sound

inside.

(into phone)

How's your wife ?

BERMAN'S VOICE: (mutters)

MOTHER: (into phone)

Good. You must come over and we'll have

a rubber of bridge one day.

BERMAN'S VOICE: (mutters)

MOTHER: (into phone)

Yes.

BERMAN'S VOICE: (mutters)

MOTHER:

(into phone)

Splendid.

(laughs)

MOTHER: (into phone)

Mother. What ? Well why didn't you

tell me that before.

MOTHER:

Kafka escaped by helicopter.

#### EXT. RAILWAY

FARRINGTON & GRANT

near their horses.

NO DIALOGUE

EXT. FIELD & HELICOPTER.

KAFKA:

Steed is mine. You mop up any opposition.

But Steed is mine!

INT. COMMON ROOM

TARA:

Time for your tea.

STEED:

Oh that's fine.

TARA:

Steed!

STEED:

Lock now I'm enjoying it - it's excercise. I'm at the root of this little problem and I think that I should deal with it. Alone!

TARA:

Oh well, Kafka won't be alone, will he.

STEED:

Err - all the same I prefer you to be out of

the way. I really would prefer it.

TARA:

You won't stand a chance. Now please sit

down.

STEED:

Now look, what I lack in physical agility,

I can make up for with a degree of low cunning.

You forget the luck of the Irish.

TARA:

You're English.

STEED:

Don't quibble over small points.

Now Tara I hate to do this to you, but I'm going to lock you away until it's all over. What was it "A valuable property to be

protected" ?.

TARA:

But that's ridiculous Steed, I can help you.

STEED:

You'd be a hindrance!

Now I'd be worrying about you and get us both

killed. Please. Come on.

TARA:

I'm sorry. But it was a very good vintage.

EXT. SKY

HELICOPTER.

NO DIALOGUE

INT. PERRIER'S ROOM

PERRIER REACTS TO NOISE

OF HELICOPTER

NO DIALOGUE

### HELICOPTER IN SKY INTERCUTTING

# INT. BAINES' ROOM/SUNLEY'S/LYALL'S.

BAINES REACTS TO

NOISE.

NO DIVIORATE

SUNLEY REACTS

NO DIALOGUE

LYALL REACTS

NO DIALOGUE

INT.\_COMMON\_ROOM

TARA REACTS.

NO DIALOGUE

#### COMMERCIAL BREAK

# EXT. FIELD - PERIMETER OF FARM

KAFKA, GRANT AND FARRINGTON

moving towards Farm.

NO DIALOGUE

# INT. COMMON ROOM

TARA PREPARES GUN

AND MOVES OUTSIDE.

NO DIALOGUE

### EXT. FARM & BUILDINGS

TARA moving across yard.

NO DIALOGUE

# EXT. WELL

KAFKA surveys CARSON.

NO DIALOGUE

### EXT/INT. OTHER FARM BUILDINGS

KAFKA, GRANT, FARRINGTON

searching for STEED.

NO DIALOGUE

TARA on the alert.

NO DIALOGUE

## INT. FARM BUILDING

FARRINGTON:

It's only a girl.

## EXT, FARM & BUILDINGS

TARA AND GRANT

FIGHT SEQUENCE.

NO DIALOGUE

TARA RUNS OFF.

NO DIALOGUE

# INT. BAINES'/LYALL'S/SUNLEY'S ROOMS

THEY REACT.

NO DIALOGUE

EXT. FARM & BUILDINGS/INT. BUILDINGS

TARA & MEN SEARCHING.

NO DIALOGUE

GUN SHOTS

INT. BAINES' ROOM

LYALL & BAINES REACT

NO DIALOGUE

EXT/INT. FARM BUILDINGS

TARA FIRING AT MEN

NO DIVTOGRE

END OF REEL FIVE

768 feet + 5 frames

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INT. BARN:

GRANT: V.O.

Drop the gun!

GRANT:

All right bright girl, this way.

Turn around. I don't like to see the eyes.

FIGHT SEQUENCE GRANT TARA.

EXT. FARM BUILDINGS

KAFKA beckons to FARRINGTON.

NO DIALOGUE

TARA WALKING IN THE YARD OBSERVED BY FARRINGTON -\* WHO THROWS KNIFE.

NO DIALOGUE

\* SUNLEY DROPS VASE TO

WARN TARA.

TARA SHOOTS FARRINGTON

NO DIALOGUE

INT.COMMON ROOM (INTERCUTTING)

STEED COMING ROUND.

NO DIALOGUE

EXT. FARM & BUILDINGS

 $T\Lambda R\Lambda$ :

Kafka! Kafka, can you hear me ?

It's check mate. You can't go any further you can't get past me. You're on your own now Kafka. Listen Kafka, why don't you

give up?

 $K\Lambda FK\Lambda$ :

What are you offering ?

TARA:

You throw down your guns and come out

and then I'll tell you.

KAFKA:

Give me time to think.

TARA:

I'll give you ten seconds. One - two three - four - five - six - seven - eight - nine - ten.

KAFKA:

All right. I'm coming out.

KAFKA:

As you say - - - checkmate:

And then - - - Steed!

STEED:

it's me you want. Kafka,

KAFKA:

Steed!

STEED KILLS KAFKA.

STEED:

And I came here for a rest. Feel like flying a helicopter ? REEL SIX

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"NOON-DOOMSDAY"

TARA:

Mmmm.

EXT. SKY

HELICOPTER FLYING.

NO DIALOGUE

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INT. STEED'S APARTMENT

TARA:

Ready?

STEED:

Almost. Come along in.

TARA:

How's your leg?

STEED:

Oh, it's much much better.

I won't be swinging a pretty leg for a while,

but -

TARA:

That doesn't matter - we won't dance...

just gazo into each others eyes.

STEED: (smiles)

Oh.

TARA: (smiles)

Hmmm.

What - for me ?

STEED:

It's a little gesture of my affection and

gratitude.

TARA:

Oh, you shouldn't have. It's just what I wanted.

STEED:

Mmm. It's just a momento you know.

TARA:

Λh.

STEED:

Oh! Look inside.

TARA:

Oh - thank you.

STEED:

Well that'll come in handy.

TARA:

Thank you.

STEED:

There's more. Very stylish.

TARA:

Ah.... Cigars!

STEED:

Oh my dear - d'you know I wondered where

those were.

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"NOON-DOOMSDAY"

TARA:

It's beautiful.

TARA:

A sundial.

STEED:

It's rather unique. It's luminous.

Shall we go?

TARA:

Luminous!

COMMERCIAL BREAK

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END OF REEL SIX

658 feet + 3 frames.

LENGTH OF EPISODE

4708 feet + 8 frames. \*

\*As required for one in four short version.

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