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"Terror Trail"

~~"The Ladder of Death"~~ "THE MYSTERY GIRL"

Episode No. 1

CAST

Elaine Emerson.....Eileen Sedgwick
Bertram Russell.....Theodore Brown
Bruce Burns.....George Larkin
Hunch Henderson.....Al Smith
Holmes.....Barney Furey
Vera Vernon.....Eileen Sedgwick

BERTRAM RUSSELL is the inventor of the most powerful agent of destruction known to man. It is known as terror gas, and is far more powerful than any heretofore invented. He has made an arrangement with this government to give a demonstration of its powers on the isolated plains in the West.

Before starting, he has learned that a certain band of conspirators are seeking the formula, and for protection he divided it into three parts. He takes one part with him, mails the other special delivery to himself out West and sends the third part by his assistant, Henry, who goes by a different route and is to meet him.

Crack Operator On Case

As additional protection the government puts its crack operator from the Department of Justice on the case. She is Elaine Emerson, and she arrives at the same time Russell does and puts up at the same hotel on the same floor. Bruce Burns, another operator, is also assigned to the case, but neither he nor Elaine knows that the other is working on the case, nor are they known to each other.

Hunch Henderson is the leader of the band that seeks the formula. He is aided by a man named Holmes and a girl who recently joined him known as Vera Vernon.

Vera Vernon is an expert in scientific impersonation, and has made herself up to look exactly like Elaine. It is only in this guise that Henderson knows her. Henry arrived as per schedule, and is attacked at the station, where he is struck down and his part of the formula secured by Hunch.

Vera and Holmes go to rob Russell, but are interrupted, and Vera hides. Holmes feigns being wounded, and Elaine and Bruce meet for the first time, when Russell, who has seen Vera, accuses Elaine of holding him up.

The proprietor of the hotel vouches for her, and Bruce goes to Russell's room, where the stricken Holmes is supposed to be. Holmes in the meantime has leaped through the window, and Bruce follows him to the roof. Here a fight ensues which is heard by Elaine, who starts up the fire ladder after the two. She gets halfway up when Holmes knocks out Bruce, and wrenching the ladder from its foundation on the cornice he pushes it from the building with the ill-fated heroine on it. The ladder falls and hits a cornice of the opposite building, but does not stop, continuing on its flight toward the street below.

The villains now have two parts of the formula, and the heroine is facing death. The hero is unconscious, and he cannot save her.

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