

Side 6 - Heavies, Pamela, HANNAY

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THE 39 STEPS

Scene Twenty-Four: Police Car/Moor.

(Wind. Bleating sheep sounds.)

HEAVY 2. Damned sheep! Get oota the way!

HANNAY. Well, well. A whole flock of detectives.

HEAVY 2. Well, there's nothing else for it. We'll have to clear them away.

HEAVY 1. Not so easy in all this thick fog. Look how it's suddenly come down.

(Fog fills the stage.)

Out of nowhere.

HEAVY 2. *(jumping out of the car)* Come on man!

HEAVY 1. What about him?

(HEAVY 2 thinks a moment. Unlocks HANNAY's handcuff. Locks it on to PAMELA. HANNAY and PAMELA are now handcuffed together.)

PAMELA. What on earth are you doing! Unchain this handcuff!

HEAVY 2. There you are, Miss. Now you're a special constable. As long as you stay - he stays!

(to HEAVY 1)

Come on! Clear the road!

(to sheep)

Get off the road ye mangey beasts!

HEAVY 1. Awa' awa' ye bleating brutes!

(They chase away the sheep and exit.)

HANNAY. And as long as I go - you go! COME ON!

(He jumps out of the car, pipe between his teeth. Pulls PAMELA with him.)

PAMELA. What are you doing!

HANNAY. Now you listen to me! Feel this - pistol?

(Takes the pipe out of his mouth. Sticks it in her back.)

PAMELA. Yes!

HANNAY. Do you want me to shoot you stone dead?

PAMELA. Not particularly no.

HANNAY. Then get a move on!

(HANNAY pushes her out. They exit.)

(The two HEAVIES run back in. See the empty car.)

HEAVY 2. They got away!

HEAVY 1. Where are they!!?

(The fog builds. They look around them.)

HEAVY 2. They'll be here somewhere.

HEAVY 1. Right.

HEAVY 2. *(mouths)* Follow me.

HEAVY 1. *(mouths)* Right.

(Eerie music)

(They move warily through the fog. This is too much for

HEAVY 1. He blows his whistle. HEAVY 2 jumps.)

HEAVY 2. *Don't do that!*

HEAVY 1. Sorry.

PAMELA. *(offstage right)* Help help!

(The HEAVIES spin round.)

HEAVY 2. There they are!

PAMELA. *(offstage right)* Help help!

(HEAVY 1 blows his whistle.)

HEAVY 2. What did I say?

HEAVY 1. She'll know where we are!

HEAVY 2. So will he!

HEAVY 1. Sorry.

HEAVY 2. If we don't find them –

HEAVY 1. Yes?

HEAVY 2. – our lives wont be worth living!

(HEAVY 1 panics. Blows whistle.)

DON'T DO THAT!

HEAVY 1. *Sorry!*

(He blows it again. HEAVY 2 whacks him. HEAVY 1 swallows whistle. He squeaks.)

HEAVY 2. Just find Hannay and the girl!

HEAVY 1. *(squeak)*

HEAVY 2. And take the car!

HEAVY 1. *(squeak)*

HEAVY 2. Come on!

HEAVY 1. *(squeak)*

(HEAVY 2 runs out. HEAVY 1 follows him carrying the bits of car. He runs off stage. Squeaking.)

(There is a loud crash.)