

"SCOTLAND YARD AGAINST
DOCTOR MABUSE"

REEL ONE

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POHLAND Yes, I am Professor Pohland, the well-known neurologist, in whose clinic you, Doctor Mabuse, died. Now that you have vanished from the world I must loyally fulfil your wishes. I will spread terror and chaos everywhere. I'll become Doctor Mabuse.

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VULPIUS Well, is everything ready?

LAB. TECHNI-
CIAN

Inspector Vulpius, we could only save bits of the will. It will take months to get them legible.

VULPIUS The Testament of Doctor Mabuse.

LAB. TECHNI-

CIAN Yes, that's all we've got left, the rest disappeared. when our friend Mabuse was killed.

VULPIUS It's very difficult to believe Mabuse is really dead.

LAB. TECHNI-

CIAN Not for me, it isn't. What's left of him is there.

VULPIUS Actually I wanted to study those papers today, if you don't mind.

LAB TECHNI-
CIAN

I'm afraid they haven't been cleared. We must have photos made of them.

VULPIUS You protect Mabuse's testament as the French do the Mona Lisa. Well, they're both masterpieces in their own way. Good night, Doctor.

LAB. TECHNI-

CIAN Good night, Inspector.

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VULPIUS Henry! What happened?

LAB. TECHNI-

CIAN Dammit! That's a break! Once more I come up smelling like a rose.

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VULPIUS Yeah, somebody up there loves you.

LAB. TECHNI-
 CIAN But the testament was full of indications for future crimes, all the details worked out.

VULPIUS I guess Mabuse didn't want it to be decoded.

LAB. TECHNI-
 CIAN You really believe he's still alive in some form? That's mere superstition...

VULPIUS Maybe. In Mabuse's case nothing can be ruled out.

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COCKSTONE The train's off the tracks. Take these blasted things off, will you?

GUARD Everything will be all right. Nothing's going to prevent me from getting you to jail on time.

HILYARD You're wrong. Where's the key? This man's going with us.

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COCKSTONE Who are you?

HILYARD Can't tell you that now. The main thing is to get you out.

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HILYARD Slice of cake? Or a cookie?

COCKSTONE I'm not hungry. I'd prefer it if you told me where we're going.

HILYARD But Cockstone, we're old buddies. In the war, remember?

COCKSTONE What do you mean?

HILYARD Don't you recall our great days together? When we were detained for investigation?

COCKSTONE You can't be Hilyard!

HILYARD Hm!

COCKSTONE Ernest Hilyard! The voice is familiar, but I'm afraid you don't look like him.

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HILYARD I don't , Marvellous job by a
famous plastic surgeon. He's English, on the boss's
payroll.
COCKSTONE Is the boss himself an Englishman?
HILYARD Nobody's been told, but he definitely prefers British
employees, like you and me. Got me out of trouble, too.
COCKSTONE Who's your mysterious Chief?
HILYARD He's yours too.
COCKSTONE Mine?
HILYARD Doctor Mabuse.

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HILYARD We've got the man you wanted.
MABUSE And the train?
HILYARD Derailed.
MABUSE The prison guard?
HILYARD Dead.
MABUSE Good. Leave us alone.

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MABUSE George Cockstone, convicted of theft, embezzling.
Deprived of his civil rights, for illegal surgery
and for causing a patient's death through negli-
gence, five years in prison. I have use for men
like you.

COCKSTONE Thanks for your confidence.

MABUSE And especially because you are English. You are
essential for my plans. When all preparations are
completed I will move my headquarters over there.
Here is your task. It concerns the invention of
Professor Laurenz.

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MABUSE This here is the new topography of the human brain.
All the nerve centers are clearly marked. Sight and
hearing, as well as sensations. The motor impulses
and control of the speaking faculty, and naturally
all other specialized functions. You know the brain

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operates by means of a battery, worth twenty watts of electric energy. The separate centers act as batteries and their fuel is a powerful mixture of glucose and oxygen. These send the electric impulses through the whole nervous system, acting more or less like a vast telephone switchboard.

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COCKSTONE This is all very interesting, but not new.

MABUSE Of course it isn't. But it's the basis of a discovery which is entirely new. Professor Laurenz has been working on a method to transform this switchboard of the human brain into an equally powerful radio station.

COCKSTONE A kind of telepathy. I gather.

MABUSE Allowing thoughts and willpower to be transferred. It means the control of mankind. A power more effective than any atom bomb.

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REEL TWO

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COCKSTONE You want this power in your possession.

MABUSE At any price. I must get hold of Professor Laurenz's invention and your object as a doctor is to worm your way into his confidence.

COCKSTONE In my situation that's impossible. My diploma's been withdrawn. My photo appears in a thousand post offices.

MABUSE You will be provided with a new diploma, a new name, a new face.

COCKSTONE By your surgeon?

MABUSE Yes. You will get an honest face from him. You will acquire confidence and respect. You will reappear as private tutor Ranke, the intimate collaborator of Professor Laurenz.

COCKSTONE Even a surgeon can be indiscreet.

MABUSE He's smarter than that. He's already operated on so many faces he could only incriminate himself.

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