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A THRILLER

by

Mel Dinelli

November 27 - December 8 1979

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by Marc Dinelli

ABOUT THE PLAY

Mel Dinelli is a Hollywood scriptwriter and his thriller 'The Man' was first produced in New York in 1950. Perhaps not surprisingly many of the cast had (or were later to have) screen connections.

The part of Mrs Gillis was played by Dorothy Gish who had been a star of the silent screen and had worked with D.W. Griffith from the age of fourteen. As late as 1963 she appeared in 'The Cardinal'.

Ruth's part was played by the former child star Peggy Ann Garner. Prior to 1950 her films had included Jane Eyre (1944) and Nob Hill (1945). In 1946 she was awarded a special Academy Award as 'outstanding child actress'.

The minor role of Mr Armstrong was played by Robert Emhardt who was once Sydney Greenstreet's understudy and who went on to appear in 'The Group' (1966) and 'Where were you when the lights went out?' (1968).

Another small part (that of Mr Stevens) was played by Richard Boone prior to his screen debut in 'The Halls of Montezuma' (1951) and later successes in 'The Robe' (1953) and 'The War Lord' (1965)

The play was directed by Martin Ritt who later moved to Hollywood and directed such films as 'The long hot summer' (1958) and 'The spy who came in from the cold' (1965)

THE MAN

| Mrs Gillis | Suzanne White |
|---------------|-------------------|
| Ruth | Michaela Warrilow |
| Mr Armstrong | Louis Sassi |
| Howard Wilton | _ John Walley |
| Mr Francis | Walter Plinge |
| Doug | David G. Hemmings |
| Mr Stevens | David Finn |
| Sarah The Dog | _'Mopsy' Bennett |

Produced by Roy Holland

The time is the present and the entire action takes place in the living room and kitchen of Mrs Gillis's home.

ACT I

Scene 1 A morning in early winter Scene 2 About an hour later Scene 3 Several hours later

ACT II

A minute or two later.

PRODUCTION CREDITS

| Setting designed by | Sandy Holland |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Lighting designed by | B.P. Hadley |
| Stage Manager | Richard Masters |
| Assistant Stage Managers | Sandy Holland |
| | Jill Chesworth |
| | Joan Bennett |
| Properties | Pauline Mellor |
| Music | Richard Masters |
| Technicians | Nick Williamson |
| | Neil Morrisey |
| | Ian Buckley |
| | Peter Carrol |

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