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THE ROBBER'S SWEETHEART

Viggo Larsen, Denmark, 1907 12 min. | DK/Short fiction | Drama, Melodrama | Silent films









A member of a gang of outlaws secretly makes improper advances to the wife of the robber chieftain. When she rejects him, he betrays the chieftain to the gendarmes. She guns down the traitor, sneaks into the jail in disguise, gets the guards drunk, and frees her husband. During the getaway, he is recaptured, but she frees her wounded husband again from the cart in which he is being transported. They flee on horseback, but are finally cornered in a cabin, and both die in a shoot-out with the police.

This beautifully photographed film takes place in an indefinable milieu: the outlaws wear cowboy hats and Wild-West-like costumes, while the authorities are represented by sabre-wielding gendarmes in gaudy uniforms. Rather than a proper Western, this violent drama can be seen as an example of the popular crime-film genre. It is remarkable for its exceptionally energetic and capable heroine, who must repeatedly help her ineffectual husband.

Basic information Credits Materials

Original titleRøverens BrudDanish titleRøverens BrudDirectorViggo Larsen

Screenplay Arnold Richard Nielsen

Director of Photography Axel Sørensen

Appearance Robert Storm Petersen, Clara Nebelong, Viggo Larsen

Production country Denmark

Technical info 230 meter, 35 mm, Normal, Black/white, Silent

Danish theatrical

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