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## 2. From Russia With Love

## **Information**

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Genres: Action, Adventure, Thriller

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Languages: English, Russian, Turkish, French, Romany, Italian Filming locations: Yerebatan Saray Sarniçi, Sultanahmet Square,

Sultanahmet, Istanbul, Turkey(Basilica Cistern - James Bond and Kerim Bey

escape with the Lektor decoding machine)Sound mix: Dolby Digital

Colour: PAL Aspect Ratio: 1.66:1

# **Storyline**

Seeking revenge against MI6 agent James Bond for the death of their agent Dr. No in Jamaica, international criminal organisation SPECTRE begins training agents to kill him, before assigning the task to assassin

Donald "Red" Grant. To lure Bond into a trap, SPECTRE's chief planner, Czechoslovak chess grandmaster Kronsteen devises a plan to have Bond attempt to procure a Lektor cryptography device from the Soviet Union's consulate in Istanbul. SPECTRE operative Rosa Klebb, a former SMERSH (Soviet counter-intelligence) colonel, is assigned to oversee the mission and to ensure Grant can carry out Bond's assassination at the right moment. To set the trap, Klebb recruits a cipher clerk at the consulate, Tatiana Romanova, to unwittingly assist in the plan, tricking Romanova into believing Klebb is still working for SMERSH.

In London, Bond is called to a meeting with M and informed that Romanova has requested Bond's help to defect to the West, in exchange for providing British intelligence with a Lektor. Exactly as Kronsteen predicted, M suspects a trap but decides to honour Romanova's request. Before departing, Bond is given a special attaché case by Boothroyd, containing several defensive gadgets and an ArmaLite AR-7 sniper rifle, to help on his assignment. Upon arriving in Istanbul, Bond works alongside the head of MI6's branch in the city, Ali Kerim Bey, while he awaits word from Romanova. During this time, Kerim is



attacked by Soviet agent Krilencu, unaware that Grant is shadowing Bond to protect him until he steals the Lektor. After an attack on the men while they hide out at a gypsy settlement, Kerim assassinates Krilencu with Bond's help before he can flee the city.

Eventually, Romanova meets Bond at his hotel suite, where she agrees to provide plans to the consulate to help him steal the Lektor. The pair spend the night together, unaware that SPECTRE is filming them as part of Kronsteen's plan. Upon receiving the consulate's floor plans from Romanova, Bond and Kerim make a plan to steal the Lektor, before all three make haste to escape the city aboard the Orient Express. Once aboard, Kerim discovers that a Soviet security officer tailed them, forcing Bond to help him subdue the officer. While Kerim remains with the officer to prevent him escaping, Bond returns to Romanova to wait for their rendezvous with one of Kerim's men. However, Grant kills Kerim and the officer, forcing Bond to remain on the train and question Romanova's motives.

When the train arrives in Belgrade, Bond passes on news of Kerim's death to one of his sons who is waiting for them, and receives instructions to travel to Zagreb and rendezvous with a British agent named Nash. However, the man he meets is actually Grant, who has already killed Nash and assumed his identity. After drugging Romanova at dinner, Grant overpowers Bond. He quickly reveals that Romanova was a pawn in SPECTRE's plan; he intends to kill both her and Bond, staging it as a murder-suicide and leaving behind faked blackmail evidence which will scandalise the British intelligence community. Bond tricks Grant into setting off a booby trap in Nash's attaché case before killing him. Taking the Lektor and the film of their night together, Bond and Romanova leave the train in Istria, Yugoslavia and use Grant's escape plan. They evade helicopter and boat attacks by SPECTRE agents before reaching safety.

Learning of Grant's death and Bond's survival, SPECTRE's enigmatic chairman (Number 1) has Kronsteen executed for his plan's disastrous failure. As the organisation promised to sell back the Lektor to the Russians, Klebb is ordered to recover it and kill Bond. Klebb reaches the pair, while they are resting in a hotel in Venice, and comes to their room disguised as a maid. Klebb orders Romanova to leave the room while holding Bond at gunpoint. Romanova then re-enters, tackling Klebb and knocking the pistol to the ground. Klebb and Bond struggle, and Romanova picks up the pistol and kills Klebb. With their mission accomplished, Bond and Romanova spend some time on a romantic boat ride and Bond throws the film into the canal.

### Cast

Sean Connery as James Bond, a British MI6 agent, codename 007.

Ursula Andress as Honey Ryder, a local shell diver, making a living by selling Jamaican seashells to dealers in Miami.

Andress' spoken dialogue was dubbed by Nikki van der Zyl, and her singing voice was dubbed by Diana Coupland. Both were uncredited.

Joseph Wiseman as Dr. Julius No, a reclusive member of SPECTRE

Jack Lord as Felix Leiter, a CIA operative sent to liaise with James Bond while he is in Kingston. This was Lord's only appearance as Leiter.

Bernard Lee as M: The head of the British Secret Service.

John Kitzmiller as Quarrel, a Cayman Islander who was employed by John Strangways to secretly go to Crab Key to collect rock samples; he also worked with Felix Leiter before Bond's arrival.

Anthony Dawson as Professor R. J. Dent, a geologist with a practice in Kingston, who also secretly works for Dr. No.

Zena Marshall as Miss Taro, the secretary to Mr. Pleydell-Smith at Government House in Kingston. She is actually a double agent working for Dr. No.

Eunice Gayson as Sylvia Trench, a woman who meets Bond during a game of Baccarat at the London club Le Cercle.

Lois Maxwell as Miss Moneypenny, the secretary to M.

Peter Burton as Major Boothroyd, the head of Q-Branch, Boothroyd is brought in by M to replace Bond's Beretta M1934 with a Walther PPK. This was Burton's only appearance as Q.

Reginald Carter as Mr. Jones, a henchman of Dr. No who was sent to pick up 007 at the Palisadoes Airport.

Yvonne Shima as Sister Lily, a prison warden working at Dr. No's lair.

Michel Mok as Sister Rose, another warden working at Dr. No's lair.

Marguerite LeWars as Annabel Chung, a photographer and one of Dr. No's operatives who trails Bond. Louis Blaazer as Pleydell-Smith, Chief Secretary at Government House in Kingston.

Timothy Moxon as John Strangways, the head of the Kingston station for the MI6, murdered by Dr. No's henchmen impersonating three blind men.

Moxon's dialogue was dubbed by Robert Rietti. Neither Moxon nor Rietti were credited.

Additional cast members include Lester Pendergast as Quarrel's friend Puss Feller, William Foster-Davis as Police Superintendent Duff, Dolores Keator as Strangways' personal assistant Mary Trueblood, and Anthony Chinn as Chen, one of No's lab technicians who was impersonated by Bond. Byron Lee and the Dragonaires appear as themselves, performing at Puss Feller's nightclub. Milton Reid, who later acted in The Spy Who Loved Me, appears as one of Dr. No's guards

### **Parents Guide**

#### Certification

Argentina:18 Australia:A (original rating) Australia:PG (1984, re-rating) Brazil:12 Canada:PG (Manitoba/Ontario) Canada:A (Nova Scotia) Canada:G (Quebec) Chile:18 Denmark:15 (DVD and Blu-ray rating) Finland:K-16 (DVD and Blu-ray rating) Finland:K-16 (1984, uncut) Finland:K-16 (1978, cut) Finland:K-16 (1965, cut) Finland:K-16 (1964, cut) Finland:(Banned) (1964, uncut) France:Tous publics Germany:16 (DVD rating) Greece:K-12 Hungary:16 Iceland:12 India:UA (re-rating) India:A (1965, original rating) Ireland:PG Ireland:PG (DVD rating) Italy:VM14 (original rating) Italy:T (re-rating) Japan:G Malaysia:U Mexico:A Netherlands:12 (TV rating) Netherlands:AL (2000, DVD rating) New Zealand:PG Nigeria:G Norway:15 (DVD and Blu-ray rating) Norway:9 (recommended rating) Norway:16 (1964, cinema rating) Peru:14 Philippines:PG-13 Poland:12 (self-applied) Portugal:17 (original rating, passed with cuts) Portugal:M/12 (re-rating) Saudi Arabia:PG South Korea:15 Spain:14 (ICAA) Sweden:15 Sweden:15 (1992, uncut) Turkey:7A (self-applied) United Kingdom:PG United Kingdom:PG (DVD rating) United Kingdom:A (original rating, passed with cuts) United Kingdom:PG (1987, re-rating, video) United States:PG (certificate #20568) United States:Approved (mpaa rating: certificate #20568, original rating) United States:GP (1971, re-rating) West Germany:12 (nf)

Sex & Nudity – Mild Violence & Gore – Moderate Profanity – Mild Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking – Mild Frightening & Intense Scenes - Mild

