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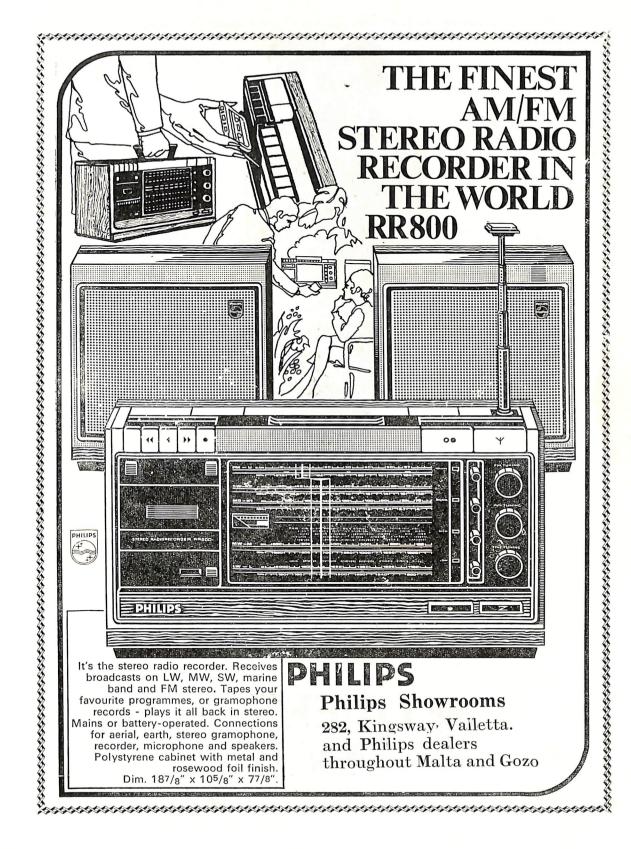
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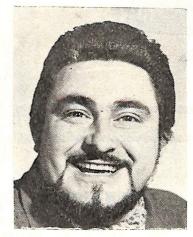
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SYNOPSIS

ACT I

Scene: A village scene by Teresa's water-mill.

The young peasant Alessio is in love with Lisa, the innkeeper, but she, in her turn, is in love with Elvino who is about to marry Amina, the orphan girl whom Teresa, the water-mill owner, had adopted as her daughter. The village folk surround the happy Amina while a notary is drawing up the marriage contract for her, on the eve of her wedding, when Count Rodolfo arrives in the village and joins in the celebrations. He shows some interest in the girl, but, as dusk begins to fall, the villagers disperse, for as the Count is informed, it will soon be the hour of the white ghost that has taken the habit to haunt the village house-tops by night. From his last word to Amina it is evinced that Elvino has become jealous of the Count. The young couple kiss each other goodnight in blissful expetancy of the morrow's union.

ACT II

Scene: Inside the village inn. The Count's bedroom,

The Count is exchanging pleasantries with Lisa the innkeeper when a noise, coming from the window, disturbs them. Lisa departs forgetting her handkerchief behind. From the window there climbs into the room Amina in her night-gown. She is sleep-walking and, believing she is in the presence of her beloved Elvino, speaks of love to the person confronting her: the Count. Lisa is eavesdropping and quite unaware of Amina's real condition, believes she has discovered that the Count and Amina had planned this meeting earlier that evening. She hurries off to spread the scandal. The upright Count will not harm the unfortunate girl's reputation and, being aware that it would be unwise to interfere with a sleep-walker, leaves the way she came. When the villagers and Elvino come upon the scene they find Amina asleep on the Count's sofa. At first Elvino will not believe his own eyes, but when the girl awakes and is unable to explain her presence there, she is accused of infidelity to her betrothed and the wedding is called off.

ACT III

Scene I: An open space in a highland wood.

Amina, accompanied by her guardian Teresa, is on her way to Elvino's place to persuade him that she is innocent. They meet him in the wood worrying about his ill luck, but, on seeing Amina, the unhappy boy loses his temper and they separate in despair.

Scene II: By the water-mill as in Act I.

Elvino has decided to turn his glances to Lisa whom he could never really shake off and the villagers come to congratulate the innkeeper about it; indeed, they say he has directed that the wedding preparations be now resumed towards this end. But Count Rodolfo, returning to the inn that evening learns with some surprise that Amina is being taken for a guilty wench. He tells them that she had gone to him in her sleep taking him for Elvino, which explained why she had been heard speaking tenderly of love. Indeed he adds that she was the alleged village ghost of whom all had become so scared of late. This news, coupled with the discovery of Lisa's handkerchief in the count's room, decided Elvino against the newly projected wedding. At that moment, Amina is seen approaching from the water-mill window on to the dangerous ledge leading to the unused path across the stream. She is again sleep-walking and a false step would precipitate her to her doom in the turbulent waters below her. She halts in her stride, speaks of her love for Alvino, who unable to control himself, calls out to her and the spell is broken. The lovers embrace amid everybody's cheers.

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CHARACTERS

Count Rodolfo, lord of the village	 	,	ALFONSO MARCHICA
Amina, an orphan girl, betrothed to	 		ANNA MACCIANTI
Elvino, a wealthy landowner	 		TULLIO PANE
Teresa, a water-mill owner	 		GIULIANA DI FILIPPO
Lisa, innkeeper in love with Elvino	 		VITTORIA BUCCINI
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LA SONNAMBULA

L-ISTORIA FIL-QOSOR

L-EWWEL ATT

Xena: F'raĥal fein il-mithna ta' I-ilma ta' Teresa.

Iż-żagħżugħ raħli Alessio jħobb lil Lisa tal-Lukanda imma din hi mitlufa wara Elvino li jkun wasal biex itejjeġ ma' Amina, tifla ltima li tkun rabbietha Teresa tal-Mitħna. Innies tar-raħal jinsabu mdawrin ma' Amina fil-waqt li n-Nutar ikun qed ilesti l-kitba taż-żwieġ. Dlonk jidħol il-Konti Rodolfo li jkompli magħhom. Kif jkun qed jikkumplimenta lill-għarusa jara li kulħadd beda jwarrab għax jibda jaqa' d-dlam. Isir jaf li kulħadd jidħol ġewwa għax, bil-lejl, tkun tidher ruħ bajda ddur fuq il-pont u l-bjut tad-djar. Jidher, millaħar kelmiet li jgħid Elvino lil Amina qabel ma jinfirdu la dan ikun ħass xi għira għall-Konti, iżda huma jinfirdu bis-sliema.

IT-TIENI ATT

Xena: Fil-kamra tal-Konti fil-Lukanda.

I!-Konti qieghed jičćajta jkellem lil Lisa l-lukandiera x'ñin jisimghu hoss ģejj min-naĥa tat-tieqa u Lisa titlaq. Fil-fixkla tinsa l-maktur warajha. Mit-tieqa tidhol Amina bil-qmis ta' bil-lejl. Tkun miexja rieqda, u ghaliha li tkun ģiet ghand i!-mahbub taghha Elvino, tghid kliem helu ta' mhabba lill-Konti. Lisa tkun qieghda tissamma' wara l-bieb u taĥseb li din kienet xi ftehima bejniethom minn fil-ghaxija. Dlonk tmur tiġri tghid lil kulhadd. Iżda l-Konti ma jixtieqx li Amina titlef ģiehha bla htija u ghalhekk johrog minn hemm minn fe'n tkun ģiet hi, bla ma jkellimha ghax jibża l-aktar li jaghmlilha l-hsara f'saĥhitha. Amina tintefa torqod fuq sufan. Meta Elvino u nies tar-raĥal jaslu u jsibuha hemm bil-kemm iridu jemmnu lil ghajnejhom. Iżda kif Amina tqum, f'dik il-ghagha, u ma tkunx tista' tfehimhom ghaliex tinsab hemm, jaĥsbu li tkun qed turi ĥaĝa b'oĥra u titqies b'mara bla fidi. Elvino dlonk iĥassar it-tieġ.

IT-TIELET ATT

L-Ewwel Xena: Triq qalb is-sigar.

Amina ma' Teresa, sejra għand Elvino biex tipperswadiħ li hija bla ħtija. Jiltaqgħu miegħu sejier lejn daru qalbu sewda jgħajjar lil xortih ħażina. Amina tipprova tfehmu, iżda, billi hu ma jkunx jaf il-verità, ma jistax jemminha. Jirrabja u jitlaq iddisprat.

It-Tieni Xena: Mill-gdid taht il-mithna tal-ilma.

Elvino qata' li jiżżewweż lil Lisa u n-nies tar-raħal jiżu jifirħu lil lukandiera ixxurtjata, u jgħidulha li Elvino qata' wkoll li t-tież imħassar issa jkompli jitlesta f'isimha u f'ismu. Imma l-Konti Rodolfo, kif dak il-ħin jiżi lura u jsma' kif Amina xorta kienet tilfet żieħha bla ħtija, jistqarrilhom is-sewwa fuq li dik ix-xbejba kiene: timxi rieqda u kienet marret f'kamartu għaliha li sejra ssib hemm lill-maħbub tagħha Elvino; għalhekk dak il-kliem tagħha ta' mħabba li kienet semgħet Lisa. Issa jsiru jafu wkoll li Amina kienet dik "ir-ruħ bajda" li kienet qiegħda tidher bil-lejl fuq il-pont. Din l-aħbar flimkien ma' dik li jinsab il-maktur ta' Lisa fil-kamra tal-Konti jżagħlu lil Elvino jħassar it-tież mal-fiergħa Lisa. Iżda dak il-ħin tidher żejja Amina, miexja rieqda, m'nn żot-tieqa għal fuq il-pont fejn ir-rota tal-mitħna, u tibda taqsam il-pont nofsu mwaqqa' b'periklu li tibqa' nieżla tiżżaraf fl-ilmijiet ta' taħtha. Amina tieqaf u ssemmi l-imħabba tagħha bla tmiem għal Elvino. Iż-żagħżugħ ma jiflaħx iżjed iżomm u jinfexx igħajtilha. Mal-ħasda tal-għajta, Amina tqum mir-raqda u tinżel għal ħdejh bla ma jiżrilha xejn. It-tnejn f'dirgħajn xulxin, issa kulħadd ferħan iċapċpilhom.



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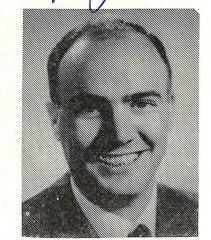


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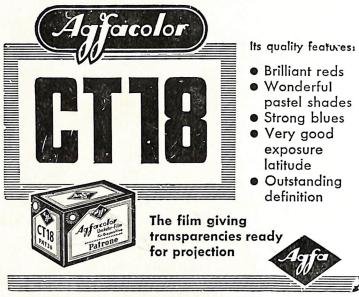
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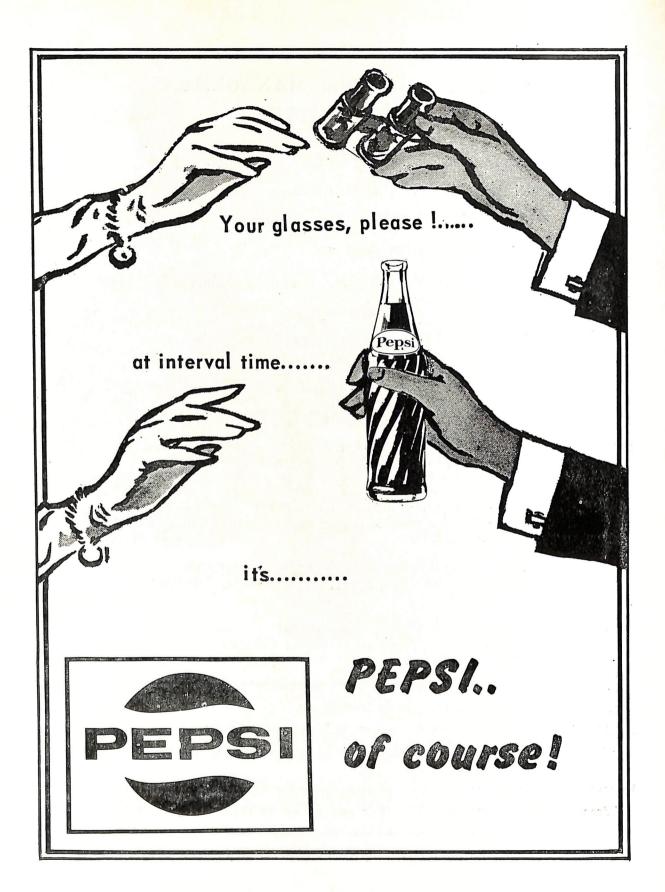
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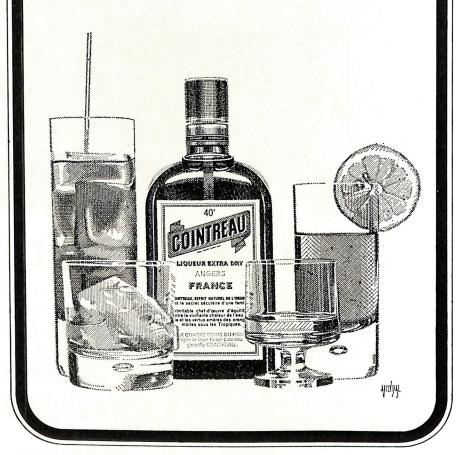




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