

# AVENGER

## HUNT BEHIND BARS!



GARETH HUNT  
Jumped ship

By TIM EWBANK

GARETH Hunt's careers teacher at school thought he would make a fine policeman.

That showed good judgment. For now Hunt is starring as a crimebuster in *The New Avengers*.

But before he hit the jackpot in the part of Mike Gambit, 34-year-old Hunt had a nasty experience on the wrong side of the law.

He spent three months behind bars for jumping ship in the Merchant Navy.

"And I can tell you that I never want to do any more time in a nick," he says.

"I jumped ship in New Zealand. And when they put me in a cell on my own, it really hit me what it was like to be locked up.

"I started to bang on the door, shouting to be let out.

"There were tears in my eyes—until I saw what somebody before me had written over the door of the cell.

"It said 'Do Not Lean Out Of The Window.' I just had to laugh."

But the next three months behind bars were no joke for Hunt.

He says: "It's a terrible feeling when you're shut in a cell on your own 12,000 miles from home.

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"It's the frustration and the claustrophobia.

"In the mornings, we had to queue up for a shave.

"Using a razor blade after 30 other blokes have had it is pretty rough, I can tell you!"

Hunt took several other jobs—butterer and brush-salesman were two—between leaving the sea and becoming a full-time actor.

He got his first big telly break as a member of the household staff in *Upstairs, Downstairs*.

That led to the plum role of Gambit in *The New Avengers*.

In tonight's episode entitled *Medium Rare* (ITV most regions, 8 pm), Hunt and Purdey (Joanna Lumley) are alarmed when they meet a psychic girl, played by Sue Holderness.

She predicts that *Avengers* boss Steed will die.



Purdey (Joanna Lumley) and her fellow Avengers face another bizarre case — this involving beautiful girls, middle-aged men and death — on Granada at 8.00 p.m.



SUE HOLDERNESS  
Medium with a message

### New Avengers

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JOANNA LUMLEY  
GARETH HUNT in  
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BY DENNIS SPOONER

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Richards  
Victoria Stanton  
Roberts  
McBain  
Dowager lady  
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Young man at seance  
Mason

Patrick Macnee  
Joanna Lumley  
Gareth Hunt  
Terence Alexander  
Caroline Munro  
Michael Latimer  
Richard Gale  
Lindsay Duncan  
Pamela Stephenson  
Colonel Tomson  
Melissa Stribling  
Anthony Bailey

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Patrick Macnee  
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Jon Finch  
Mervyn Johns  
Jeremy Wilkin  
Sue Holderness  
Neil Hallett  
Maurice O'Connell  
Diana Churchill  
Celia Foxe  
Steve Ubels  
Allen Weston

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PATRICK MACNEE  
JOANNA LUMLEY  
GARETH HUNT in  
*The Lion and the Unicorn*

BY JOHN GOLDSMITH

The world's greatest assassin hides in the shadow of the Eiffel Tower, but *The Avengers* are on his trail.

Steed  
Patrick Macnee

Purdey  
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Gareth Hunt

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#### Trap

BY BRIAN CLEMENS

A drugs syndicate boss has to regain his reputation and decides to execute Steed, Purdey and Gambit to "prove" himself.

Steed  
Purdey  
Gambit  
Soo Choy  
Arcanti  
Dom Carlos  
Tansing

Patrick Macnee  
Joanna Lumley  
Gareth Hunt  
Terry Wood  
Ferdie Mayne  
Robert Rietty  
Kristopher Kum

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PATRICK MACNEE  
JOANNA LUMLEY  
GARETH HUNT in  
*The Hostage*

BY BRIAN CLEMENS

Purdey is kidnapped and held hostage.

Only Steed knows where she is—and Purdey's life is the price of his silence. Subsequently Steed is suspected of being a security risk, Gambit is set to tail him—and perhaps kill him.

Steed  
Purdey

Patrick Macnee  
Joanna Lumley