“Dorrie come back! I won’t hurt you! Come back... Dorrie”

“The FRIGHTENED BRIDE”

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THE STORY

They are nice, ordinary people with a pleasant home on the outskirts of London. Armitage, an insurance official, his wife, a kindly soul devoted to her family, and their children—two boys and a girl in the twenties—typical of the young men and women to be found at any suburban tennis club.

One day a young woman is found murdered on the common. One of the Rackhams, a boy, is arrested and charged with the crime. He is found guilty—and pays the supreme penalty. The parents, their surviving son, Philip, and daughter, Frankie, are stricken with grief.

They are the centre of sympathy. Life becomes intolerable. They change their name and move to a new home where they are not known. Philip, his studies abandoned, gets a job in a garage where he makes acquaintance of a pretty working-class girl named Doris. In spite of Philip's family, who feel that Doris is socially inferior, they are married. But Philip is haunted by strange thoughts and feelings. He signs a postcard in the name of the dead brother, and, when he realizes what he has done, turns in rage upon the innocent and bewildered Doris.

The personality of the dead brother dominates Philip more and more; and there is something significant in the fact that Doris is not unlike the murdered girl.

One night, on the point of collapse, Philip staggers to the house of his parents. They tell him that he has killed his wife. Now, to the pangs, the four words, seems lost. While the father and sister are making frantic plans for Philip's escape, the police arrive. Doris has been run over by a lorry. Philip then remembers what really happened. He had confessed to Doris that he was the brother of a murderer and had married her in an assumed name. Horrified, Doris had run away from him—into the road—to her death. Philip had tried, too late, to restrain her and had himself been injured.

The relief of the Rackhams at learning that Philip is innocent is almost unbearable. They console him, nurse him back to physical and mental health, and resolve to rid themselves of the memory of Rackham's crime—the somber shadow that has almost driven Philip out of his mind. Somewhat unexpectedly they return to their own neighborhood. They are astonished to find a warm welcome awaiting them and, hearkening to the kindness of their old friends, begin life anew.

The Most Provocative Story in Years

which opens at the __________ Theatre next week, is a warm, human drama of almost alarming 'it might have happened to you' reality. From the Audrey Earnst Lindop best-selling novel of the same name, it is also the most provocative story that has been filmed in years. A Raymond Stross production, it has a cast of brilliant artists to bring it vividly to life. Heading these are Mai Zetterling, Michael Denison, Flora Robson, Dennis Price, André Morell, Jane Hylton, Naunton Wayne, Mervyn Johns and Celia Lipton.

A pleasant, moderately prosperous family, living in a London suburb, suddenly becomes the centre of a tragedy. The eldest son is convicted and hanged for a sensational sex murder. His father and mother, played by André Morell and Flora Robson, his young brother and sister, Michael Denison and Jane Hylton, try to bury themselves in the anonymity of a fresh life, with a new name, in a strange town. They find, however, that they can escape from the headlines, they cannot escape from themselves and their shocked emotions. The conflict in what was once a very happy family, becomes a crisis when the remaining son falls in love with a girl, Mai Zetterling, who, at any time, would be regarded as completely unsuitable and whom they fear is suspiciously like the girl whose death brought earlier disaster to them.

CAST
(In Order of Appearance)

George Rackham .................................................... ANDRÉ MORELL
Mary Rackham ...................................................... FLORA ROBSON
Philip Rackham ..................................................... MICHAEL DENISON
Frankie Rackham ................................................... JANE HYLTON
Uncle Ted .......................................................... MERYN JOHNS
Maurice Fletcher .................................................... DENNIS PRICE
Police Inspector (Putney) ........................................ HUGH DEMPSTER
Dentist .............................................................. MICHAEL WARD
Doris Rackham ....................................................... MAI ZETTERLING
Mrs. Baker ........................................................... OLIVE SLOANE
Graham Moore ...................................................... PETER BURTON
Nancy Rackham ..................................................... BARBARA BLAIR
Sandra ............................................................... CELIA LIPTON
Lonie ................................................................. DON PHILLIPS
Waitress .............................................................. JOAN HICKSON
Police Inspector ..................................................... NAUNTON WAYNE
Mr. Spencer ........................................................ SIDNEY JAMES

Produced by RAYMOND STROSS
Directed by TERENCE YOUNG

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