

UNLIKELY HEROES ON A MAD-CAP MISSION!

TWO BUDDIES AND A BADGER

IMPORTANT FACTS

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Original Title ... Knutsen & Ludvigsen
og den Fæle Rasputin
Director ... Rasmus A. Sivertsen, Rune Spaans
Producer ... Eric Vogel
Script ... Øystein Dolmen, Thomas Moldestad
Production Company ... Tordenfilm AS
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Length ... ca. 72 min
Format ... 1.85:1, DCP
Sound ... 5.1, 2.0



TORDENFILM in association with QVISTEN ANIMATION and NORISK FILMDISTRIBUSJON presents «TWO BUDDIES AND A BADGER» BASED ON CHARACTERS AND MILIEUX CREATED BY ØYSTEIN DOLMEN & GUSTAV LORENTZEN
with JOHN BRUNGT, HERMANN SABADO, SIRI NILSEN, FRANK KJØSÅS, FINN SCHAU, TROND-VIGGO TORGENSEN, BJARTE RHELMELAND and SONDRE LERCHE, casting YNGVIL K. HAGA
music DOLMEN/LORENTZEN and KARE CHR. VESTRHEIM sound designer GISELE IVEITØ animation supervisor MORTEN OVERLIE production designer ARE AUSTNES line producers MARTIN ANDERSSON & HEGE A. BERG
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Celebrate the joy of being childish and the courage to defy conventions. Join two charmingly chaotic buddies and a smart badger on their mission to save the world. Crack up with laughter speeding along the railway in a brakeless wagon from one incredible adventure to another!

Two quirky best friends and a smart badger set out on a road trip to help a scientist's daughter rescue her father from a villain who tries to blackmail him into creating a mind-manipulating serum.

SYNOPSIS

Tootson and Ludiwood are two old pals who live life their own way – in a railroad tunnel, literally off the beaten track. Unless they're bickering with each other over nothing and everything, they're making music and having fun all day. Both are on very friendly terms with the badger who lives in their ceiling, but Tootson shares a special bond with the smart animal and loves to cuddle it.

All of a sudden, their lives are turned upside down by a young lady in distress. Amanda has managed to escape from the crooks who kidnapped her father, Prof. Felle, by order of the super-rich and super-evil Rasputin. Bent on ruling the world, the delusional villain wants to force the brilliant professor to create what he calls a "puppet serum" – a powerful drug that turns humans into totally submissive robots. However, the upright professor doesn't even flinch in the torturing chair. The only thing that scares him is the prospect of someone harming his beloved daughter. Sure enough, this puts the bad guys on Amanda's heels....

Meanwhile, the two buddies and the badger set out with Amanda on a crazy rescue mission, speeding along the switch-backs of the railroad tracks in a draisine that does have a hat rack - but no brakes! When the rails end abruptly on a ramp, their wagon is catapulted onto the tracks of a ghost train in a nearby amusement park! Their journey comes to a sudden halt in the stomach of an artificial whale and they find themselves surrounded by ghosts. Fearlessly, Amanda attacks them, only to find out that the ghosts are friendly and the real enemies are closing in...

The evil yet brainless crooks mistake the badger for Amanda and kidnap it. Tootson is horrified and not even a song that Ludiwood performs for him with the ghosts manages to cheer him up. However, the badger is far from helpless. Even after the villains flush him down the toilet drain, he comes round in the sewer surrounded by canal rats who offer to crown him their king if he saves them. As a matter of fact, the rats are also threatened by evil Rasputin who sucks them out of the sewer and uses them as guinea pigs for testing his puppet serum!

The badger rises to the occasion, ties a rope to Rasputin's castle and slips into the dungeon where a whole army of drugged rats is being held captive. At the same time, Amanda who decided to continue her mission without the two chaotic buddies, manages to free her father, but Ludiwood ends up ruining everything despite having the very best intentions: when he runs into father and daughter in front of Rasputin's castle, he mistakes Amanda's father for her kidnapper and confronts him, unwittingly helping the crooks to catch the two of them.

When everything seems lost, Tootson and Ludiwood settle an argument about Ludiwood's tie and team up again to finish their rescue mission, backed by a huge crowd of fans they attracted by playing their music together with the ghost train ghosts. Yet the two buddies are no match for the supervillain and his accomplices: In Rasputin's castle, they are tied to a target and a rocket programmed to fire in two minutes is pointing straight at them!

By threatening to kill Amanda, Rasputin has forced the professor to create the puppet serum, unaware that the clever scientist also produced an antidote. The whole army of fans is turned into human robots by a serum dispenser- but the skillful badger has built himself a gas mask and saves the day!

Unfortunately, evil Rasputin is not beaten yet. In a breathtaking showdown, Tootson and Ludiwood thwart Rasputin's escape in a space ship by forcing him to drink his own poison and making the space ship make a U-turn in the curve of the crescent moon.

In the end, good triumphs over evil and the free soul of humanity is saved. The two buddies celebrate in their railroad tunnel with the badger who proudly wears his crown as king of the canal rats.

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