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KILLER DOOMED BY "STRANGE CONFESSION"

Murderer tells story of fantastic slaying

(Narrated story synopsis of "Strange Confession." Not for Publication.)

One of the city's most bizarre crimes was dramatically confessed late last night in the home study of J. L. Brandon (Wilton Graff), prominent criminal attorney.

Throwing himself at the mercy of authorities, Jeff Carter (Lon Chaney), chemistry scientist, admitted the grotesque decapitation of his employer, Roger Graham (J. Carroll Naish), well-known millionaire medicine tycoon.

"My whole life was in his head—my life, my brain was his—that's why I killed him," Carter told Brandon before collapsing after the hour long ordeal.

Brandon informed police authorities he had attended college with the murderer, and that Carter had called at his home of his own volition, to relate his crime before turning himself over to police.

Mary Carter (BRENDA JOYCE), beautiful blonde wife of the slayer, and witness to the slaying, led officers to the luxurious penthouse apartment of Graham, where the tycoon's headless body was discovered.

In a press interview at his downtown office early this morning, Attorney Brandon announced he would defend Carter on the grounds of "temporary insanity."

Praised by Attorney

"Carter was a brilliant scientist," the attorney told reporters. "His keen mind snapped when he learned of the untimely death of his young son, Tommy (GREGORY MURADIAN).

"My client was sent to South America several years ago," Brandon continued, "to complete his cure for influenza."

"While he was away, Graham marketed his half-completed formula. Little Tommy Carter was stricken with influenza and failed to rally, following a treatment with his father's unfinished cure."

"Late yesterday," Brandon concluded, "Carter returned home to learn of the death of his infant son. He traced his wife to the penthouse apartment of Graham where he frustrated Mrs. Carter's attempt to shoot Graham."

Scientist Carter will be arraigned in court late this afternoon.

Lon Chaney star in chiller

(Advance)

A new Universal Inner Sanctum mystery is headed for the Theatre.

It is "Strange Confession," starring Lon Chaney. Brenda Joyce heads a supporting cast which includes J. Carroll Naish, Lloyd Bridges and Milburn Stone.

Executioner



STRANGE CONFESSION (18)

Lon Chaney is starred as the frustrated scientist killer in Universal's Inner Sanctum mystery picture, "Strange Confession."

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PRESS BOOK

Horror pictures combat evil, says Hollywood star

(Advance)

"Horror pictures are often an outlet for pent-up emotions, and by making the characters ridiculous and the crimes hideous, we revolt the minds of movie-goers against evil tendencies."

That is the opinion of Lon Chaney, star of Universal's current Inner Sanctum mystery, "Strange Confession," which opens at the Theatre.

The actor definitely disagrees with people who claim that horror films are a bad influence on movie fans.

Role Is Tragic

In "Strange Confession," Chaney plays the role of a scientist whose brilliant mind snaps when he learns of the unnecessary death of his young son. He is transformed into a psychopathic murderer and commits an eerie crime.

Brenda Joyce, J. Carroll Naish and Milburn Stone play supporting roles in the new mystery.

Directed by John Hoffman, the picture was produced by Ben Pivar. M. Coates Webster wrote the screenplay from the composition by Jean Bart. Maury Gertsman was the cameraman.

Inner Sanctum story screened

(Advance)

A new Universal Inner Sanctum mystery comes to the Theatre. It is "Strange Confession," starring Lon Chaney.

The original screenplay by M. Coates Webster, tells the story of a brilliant scientist driven to commit a grotesque crime following the death of his young son.

Brenda Joyce heads a supporting cast which includes J. Carroll Naish, Lloyd Bridges and Milburn Stone.

"Strange Confession" was directed by John Hoffman.

Ben Pivar was the producer and the picture was made by arrangement with Simon and Schuster Inc., publishers.

Vengeance, motive of weird crime

(Advance)

Revealed in eerie detail, one of the most famous crimes in contemporary fiction is declared to be deftly enacted in Universal's "Strange Confession," an Inner Sanctum mystery coming to the Theatre.

The story of the betrayed scientist who slays his wealthy employer, is said to have been transferred to the screen with shocking effect. Lon Chaney, the star, has the role of murderer and J. Carroll Naish appears as his victim. Beautiful Brenda Joyce is seen as the killer's wife.

Colorful Contrasts

A big city penthouse apartment and a jungle settlement in South America are principal settings for the exciting plot. The preparation of a formula to cure influenza is said to be graphically shown.

Based on a composition by Jean Bart, "Strange Confession" was scenarized by M. Coates Webster. In the supporting cast are Lloyd Bridges, Milburn Stone, Addison Richards, Mary Gordon and George Chandler. John Hoffman directed and the sensational picture was produced by Ben Pivar.

'STRANGE CONFESSION' INNER SANCTUM MYSTERY

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PUBLICITY

Teamed in Mystery Film



STRANGE CONFESSION (2A)

Lon Chaney is starred in Universal's Inner Sanctum mystery classic, "Strange Confession," in which lovely Brenda Joyce has the leading feminine role as wife of a famous medical scientist.

Hollywood monkey earns fabulous yearly salary

(Current)

Three thousand dollars a year ain't hay to Bebe—it's peanuts.

Bebe is a thirteen year old South American ringtail monkey now appearing in Universal's "Strange Confession." The sensational film is now at the Theatre.

The simian thespian celebrated her tenth year in Hollywood while working in the Inner Sanctum mystery which stars Lon Chaney. Cast and crew members paid tribute to her anniversary by presenting her with a box of crackerjack—prize included.

Wages Increased

Bebe was graduated into the \$3,000 bracket about three birthdays ago, when she started appearing in the Dorothy Lamour tropical pictures.

"She's a scene stealer," is the way Trainer Melvin Koontz describes her. "You might even go so far as to label her a 'ring-tailed Mickey Rooney. Bebe loves to mug."

In her current assignment Bebe plays a "Lassie" type role. Actually, she is a weaker member of the simian sex, but for the sake of the script answers to the masculine name of Gonzales.

Thriller has Brenda Joyce

(Current)

Universal's lovely Brenda Joyce, who is the mother of two beaming children in real life, portrays a screen mother in the new Inner Sanctum mystery, "Strange Confession," filmed at Universal Studio and starring Lon Chaney at the Theatre.

Brenda is married to her childhood sweetheart, Owen Ward, now a captain in the United States Infantry. The couple's two children are Pamela Ann, aged two; and ten-month old Timothy.

As the wife of Lon Chaney in "Strange Confession," Miss Joyce is the screen mother of five-year-old Gregory Muradian, Hollywood born child actor.

Other distinguished players in the gripping film are J. Carroll Naish, Lloyd Bridges, Milburn Stone, Addison Richards and Mary Gordon. John Hoffman directed and Ben Pivar officiated as producer.

Lon Chaney scores hit in "Strange Confession"

(Current)

Lon Chaney's reputation of being Hollywood's "easiest star to interview" was again demonstrated during the making of his current Universal thrill classic, "Strange Confession." The new Inner Sanctum mystery is now at the Theatre. Questioned by studio visitors Chaney not only discussed his own career but revealed colorful items about his fellow-players in the picture.

Brenda Joyce, appearing as Chaney's wife in the film, is married to Army Captain Owen Ward and is the mother of two small children, Pamela Ann, aged two, and ten-month old Timothy, Chaney said.

Milburn Stone, who has a featured role, is a nephew of the veteran actor, Fred Stone. Chaney also recalled that Miss Joyce and Lloyd Bridges, another prominent player in the picture, were both graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles.

Chaney revealed that he once toured the country as an amateur wrestler and now, during his spare time, operates a 100 acre ranch near Auburn in northern California.

In "Strange Confession," Chaney is seen as a scientist who spends his life in the perfection of an influenza cure. How his experiments become commercialized and eventually drive him insane provide vivid dramatic substance. The story reaches its climax in a fantastic murder.

Filed by arrangement with Simon and Schuster Inc., Publishers, "Strange Confession" was scenarized by M. Coates Webster. It is based on a composition by Jean Bart. John Hoffman directed and the producer was Ben Pivar.

Star appears in crime picture

(Current)

Lon Chaney, starred in Universal's new Inner Sanctum mystery, "Strange Confession," now at the Theatre, started his film career in 1930, following the death of his famous father. "The Man with a Thousand Faces."

In "Strange Confession," young Chaney has set aside his grotesque make-up that made him famous as "The Wolf Man," "Frankenstein," and "The Mad Ghoul," and plays a straight part.

He is seen in the role of a brilliant scientist, who becomes a sympathetic murderer following the unnecessary death of his only son.

The picture was adapted for the screen by M. Coates Webster and directed by John Hoffman.

Director is cinema expert

(Advance)

John Hoffman, well-known Hollywood montage technician, makes his debut as a full-fledged director in Universal's new Inner Sanctum mystery, "Strange Confession," which opens at the Theatre.

The brilliant young director handled the montage camera on such recent major productions as "Cover Girl," "A Song to Remember," and "Boomtown."

"Strange Confession" was scenarized by M. Coates Webster, and stars Lon Chaney, Brenda Joyce, J. Carroll Naish, Lloyd Bridges and Milburn Stone are featured.

Riots averted

(Current)

A lavish dinner scene in Lon Chaney's new Inner Sanctum mystery, "Strange Confession," was deleted from the script following dispatches from Nice, France, describing riots when a huge plate of caviar was shown on the screen at a recent showing of an American film.

Chaney was a pre-war favorite of French cinema fans. He decided that an unwarranted display of food might offend his Gallic followers. "Strange Confession" is now playing at the Theatre. It is a Universal picture.

Intriguing movie

(Advance)

An intriguing murder story, "Strange Confession," comes to the Theatre with Lon Chaney starred in one of his most graphic portrayals. The new Universal picture, an Inner Sanctum mystery, has Brenda Joyce in the chief feminine role.

Temptestuous



STRANGE CONFESSION (1A)

Brenda Joyce appears in the principal feminine role with Lon Chaney in Universal's Inner Sanctum mystery, "Strange Confession."

CREDITS

UNIVERSAL PICTURES

Presents

LON CHANEY

in

"STRANGE CONFESSION"

with

Brenda Joyce

J. Carroll Naish - Lloyd Bridges
Milburn Stone - Addison Richards
Mary Gordon

An Inner Sanctum Mystery

by arrangement with

Simon & Schuster, Inc., Publishers

Screenplay by

M. Coates Webster

Based on a composition by

Jean Bart

Director of Photography: Maury Gertsman, A.S.C.; Art Direction: John B. Goodman, Abraham Grossman; Director of Sound: Bernard B. Brown, Technician: Jess Moulin; Set Decorations: Russell A. Gausman, Andrew J. Gilmore; Film Editor: Russell Schoengarth; Gowns: Vera West; Dialogue Director: Willard Holland; Musical Director: Frank Skinner.

Directed by John Hoffman
Produced by Ben Pivar

A UNIVERSAL PICTURE

THE CAST

Jeff Carter.....Lon Chaney
Mary.....Brenda Joyce
Graham.....J. Carroll Naish
Stevens.....Milburn Stone
Dave.....Lloyd Bridges
Dr. Williams.....Addison Richards
Mrs. O'Connor.....Mary Gordon
Harper.....George Chandler
Tommy.....Gregory Muradian
Brandon.....Wilton Graff
Hernandez.....Frances McDonald
Boarder.....Jack Norton
Mr. Moore.....Christian Rub

SYNOPSIS

(Not for Publication)

Jeff Carter (LON CHANEY), once brilliant scientist, brings a bag containing the head of his former employer, Roger Graham (J. CARROLL NAISH), to his attorney. Then unfolds the strange story of a chemist, happily married, who had pledged to relieve human suffering.

Graham, profit-mad medicine tycoon, sends Carter to South America to perfect a cure for influenza. The tycoon markets Carter's half completed formula, only to have an epidemic sweep the country and claim Carter's son. Graham, meanwhile, seeks the attentions of the lonesome Mrs. Carter (BRENDA JOYCE).

As Carter is placed under arrest, his attorney, strangely affected by his client's story, promises legal aid.

Hometowns, Birthdates of Players

Lon Chaney	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Feb. 10
Brenda Joyce	Excelsior Springs, Mo.	Feb. 25
J. Carroll Naish	New York City, N. Y.	Jan. 21
Milburn Stone	Burrton, Kansas	July 5
Lloyd Bridges	San Leandro, Calif.	Jan. 15
Mary Gordon	Glasgow, Scotland	May 16

J. Carroll Naish famous for film versatility

(Current)

There's no danger of J. Carroll Naish becoming "typed" in Hollywood.

In "Dragon Seed," the versatile character actor portrayed a Japanese lieutenant; in "Sahara," he was an Italian soldier, and in Universal's recent "Enter Arsene Lupin," Naish played the role of a lovable French detective.

Currently playing a featured role in Universal's "Strange Confession," now at the Theatre, the Irishman, who is often mistaken for an Italian or Armenian, is cast in a debonair Adolphe Menjou role—he has 14 wardrobe changes during the picture.

The new Inner Sanctum mystery stars Lon Chaney opposite Brenda Joyce. In supporting roles are Lloyd Bridges, Milburn Stone and Gregory Muradian.

Celebrated Cinema Players



STRANGE CONFESSION (28)

Romantic heart-appeal is provided effectively by Lon Chaney and Brenda Joyce in Universal's Inner Sanctum mystery production, "Strange Confession."

"Strange Confession" is suspenseful melodrama

(Review)

Screen suspense reached a new high yesterday when "Strange Confession," Universal's latest Inner Sanctum mystery, opened at the Theatre.

The picture, which stars Lon Chaney, reveals the strange quirk in the mind of a brilliant scientist who is driven to murder by the death of his infant son.

Supporting Chaney in this exciting Inner Sanctum original, are Brenda Joyce, J. Carroll Naish, Milburn Stone, Lloyd Bridges and five-year-old Gregory Muradian. The latter is seen as the only son of scientist Lon Chaney. The child succumbs after being treated with his father's half completed formula for the cure of influenza.

Chaney is sent to South America by a profit-mad medicine tycoon, to complete his formula for the cure of the dread disease. When the scientist learns that his half-completed formula has been marketed, and that his employer had

been making love to his wife, played by Brenda Joyce, Chaney returns to the states to discover further that his son had failed to rally to an attack of influenza.

The scientist's brilliant mind cracks, and an eerie vengeance follows.

Addison Richards and Mary Gordon are other notables in the talented cast of the engrossing picture which was made by arrangement with Simon and Schuster Inc., publishers.

"Strange Confession," directed by John Hoffman and written for the screen by M. Coates Webster, is movie mystery at its best. Based on a composition by Jean Bart, the picture was produced by Ben Pivar.

SHOWMANSHIP

"CONFESSIONS" CONTEST

The title of the picture "Strange Confession" is a natural for a CONFESSION CONTEST which you can tie-up with a local newspaper or a neighborhood shopping publication. Offer prizes for the most original and interesting letters or short stories which are based on the "Confession" idea. Your sign shop can make up a lobby board with some of the best entries posted for an interesting display. Tell your patrons about the contest with air spots, trailers, and lobby advertising. If you run into difficulties due to lack of newspaper space, handle the idea through the use of throwaways. Call it THE RIVOLI THEATRE'S "STRANGE CONFESSION" CONTEST and plug it for a week in advance of your playdate with plenty of space in the lobby.

LOBBY STUNT

In the story an ordinary black gladstone traveling bag provides much of the gripping suspense in the picture. Get one for a lobby stunt and have your house electrician equip it with a light which goes on when a patron opens the bag. Obtain a good head still from the exchange set and blow it up to fill the space at the bottom.



A sign nearby with this copy will sell the thrills and suspense... DARE YOU LOOK IN THIS BAG OF BLACK EVIL...! SEE THE INNER SANCTUM'S LATEST SHOCKER... "STRANGE CONFESSION" STARRING LON CHANEY... STARTING HERE FRIDAY...!

USE RADIO

The radio is one of your most effective mediums for selling "Strange Confession." Tell your patrons that you are showing the newest and most thrilling INNER SANCTUM MYSTERY motion picture starring Lon Chaney. Emphasize the fact that the MOST FAMOUS NAME IN MYSTERY FICTION IS NOW ON THE SCREEN!



CAUTION! DO NOT refer to the Inner Sanctum radio show on C.B.S. or to the Inner Sanctum published books in your advertising. You may, however, use the Inner Sanctum trade mark shown here, in all advertising. All Inner Sanctum screen stories are originals... SELL THEM THAT WAY.

The most valuable spot for radio advertising is, of course, before and after the Inner Sanctum air show. Check with local radio station for day and time of broadcast. Here are a few announcements.

NUMBER 1. (Open with sound effect record of weird laughter, screams, pistol shots, slamming door, etc.)

A night of unholy crime...! Crashing to new heights of Cinema horror...! The Inner Sanctum's weirdest shocker, "Strange Confession"... Here's thrilling suspense... baffling mystery to keep you tense with pulse quickening anticipation...! See "Strange Confession" starring Lon Chaney, with Brenda Joyce, J. Carroll Naish.

NUMBER 2. (Open with sound effect record of running footsteps, creaking door, wail of animal, etc.)

A secret of black evil... A night of weird terror... A woman betrayed by lies and love... All these strange thrills in "Strange Confession." It's the Inner Sanctum's Newest and most amazing shocker... designed to make your blood turn to ICE WATER...! See "Strange Confession" starring Lon Chaney, with Brenda Joyce and J. Carroll Naish.

THROWAWAYS & TEASERS

Here's an excellent throwaway which can be handed out in the lobby a week in advance or mailed as the case may be. On the front of the envelope are the words... THIS CONTAINS A "STRANGE CONFESSION." DARE YOU READ IT...!

Have one of the ads reproduced from the mats with your playdate and insert it in the envelope. These messages can be slipped under doors, in hotels and apartment houses and scattered all over town.

Your sign shop can make up a good teaser in the form of a stencil which reads... WE DARE YOU TO SEE "STRANGE CONFESSION"... It can be sniped on old fences, houses and abandoned bill boards or any spot where a teaser of this kind can be read. A brilliant red paint will make the words stand out in an effective manner.

ANIMATED CUT-OUT

A very effective lobby cut-out can be made from life size blow-ups of stills NO. 33 and 22 which are to be found in the exchange set. Mount the figures of Lon Chaney, J. Carroll Naish and Brenda Joyce on good strong compo board. The figure of Lon Chaney should be attached to a free moving swivel arrangement so that it will easily come from behind the black panel (See Illustration) in a downward motion and then return. Your house electrician can very easily install a motor which is hidden from view, and supplies the necessary motivation for the correct movement of the Chaney figure. See instructions in the accompanying diagram. Copy for this animated cut-out is given in the illustration. This display can be moved to some vacant window or building lobby.



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LON CHANEY *in*

**STRANGE
 CONFESSION**

with
**BRENDA JOYCE
 J. CARROL NAISH**
 Lloyd Bridges
 Milburn Stone
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An Inner Sanctum Mystery • By arrangement with Simon & Schuster, Inc., Publishers Screenplay by M. Coates Webster 301
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 All *New*
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 SANCTUM
 MYSTERY!

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 A UNIVERSAL PICTURE 106
 Ad Mat No. 106—1 Col. Mat

LON CHANEY *in*

**STRANGE
 CONFESSION**

with
**BRENDA JOYCE
 J. CARROL NAISH**
 Milburn Stone
 Lloyd Bridges
 Addison Richards

A UNIVERSAL PICTURE
 Ad Mat No. 201—2 Column Mat

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LON CHANEY *in*

**STRANGE
 CONFESSION**

with
**BRENDA JOYCE
 J. CARROL NAISH**
 MILBURN STONE
 LLOYD BRIDGES
 ADDISON RICHARDS

A UNIVERSAL PICTURE 103
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LON CHANEY *in*

**STRANGE
 CONFESSION**

WITH
BRENDA JOYCE-J. CARROL NAISH

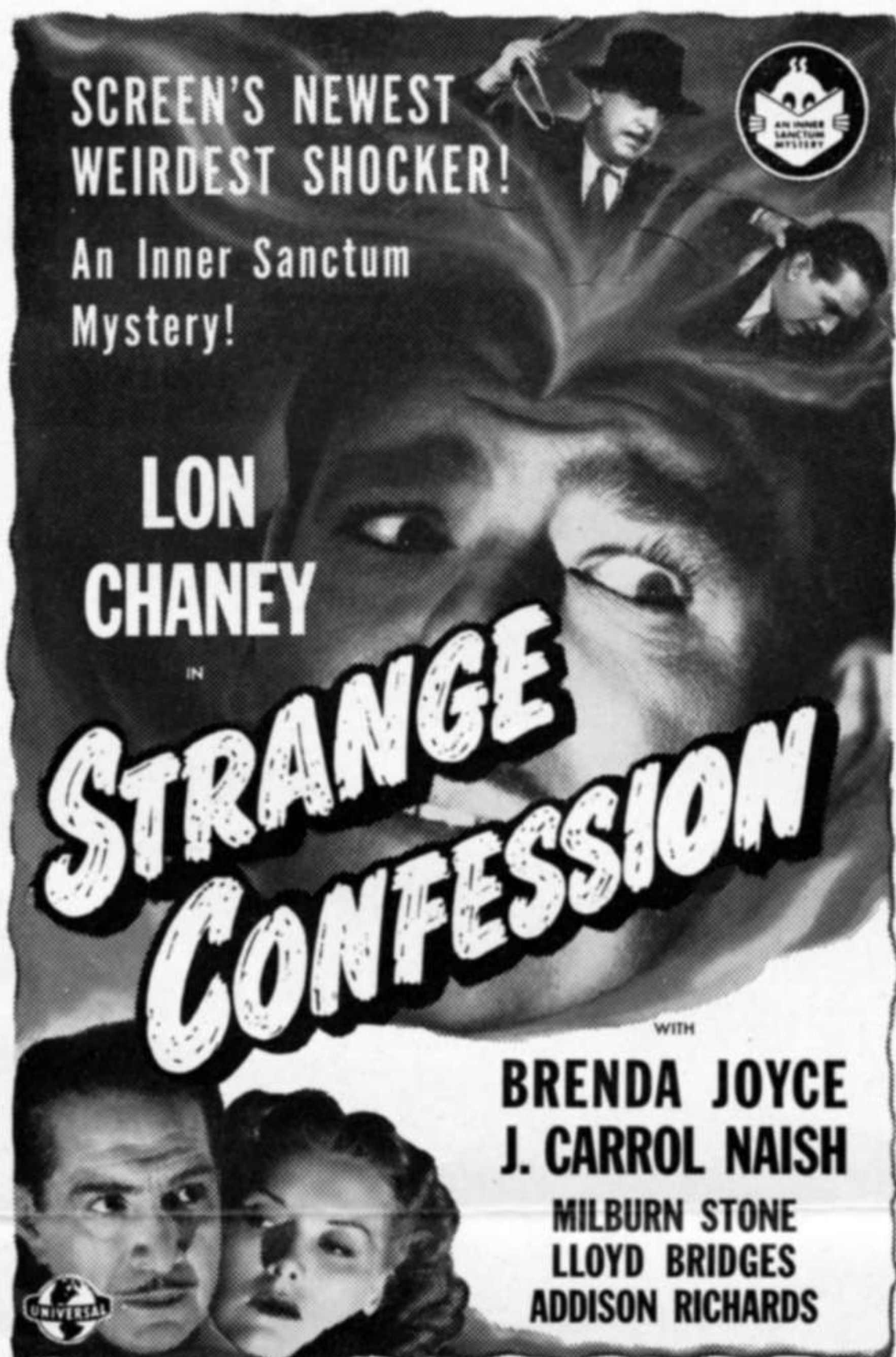
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LON CHANEY *in*

**STRANGE
 CONFESSION**

WITH
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 J. CARROL NAISH**
 MILBURN STONE
 LLOYD BRIDGES
 ADDISON RICHARDS

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 Directed by JOHN HOFFMAN A UNIVERSAL PICTURE Produced by BEN PIVAR
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 Directed by JOHN HOFFMAN A UNIVERSAL PICTURE Produced by BEN PIVAR

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A UNIVERSAL PICTURE 104

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 Based on a Composition by Jean Bart
 Directed by JOHN HOFFMAN Produced by BEN PIVAR
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