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Adapted from a play "Counsel's Opinion" by Gilbert Wakefield

WITH

MERLE OBERON LAURENCE OLIVIER RALPH RICHARDSON



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Comedy Drama

1938

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All good intrigues begin at a dance, and this is no exception. Stranded by fog following a charity ball in an already overcrowded London hotel, Leslie (Merle Oberon) invades the bedroom of a young lawyer, Logan (Laurence Olivier). She firmly requisitions his bed, his pajamas and his breakfast, and disappears leaving a message "Goodbye. Lady X".

Goodbye, only to meet again very soon. Later that day, Leslie hears Logan pleading in a divorce case before her grandfather, Judge Steel (Morton Selten), and she is horrified to hear him vilifying women in general. Back in his chambers, Logan's career crashes around his ears when he receives a visit from Lord Mere (Ralph Richardson), who is demanding a divorce from his wife (Binnie Barnes) because he has evidence that she spent a night with an unknown correspondent at a hotel in London after a charity ball. Convinced that Lady X is Lady Mere, when she unexpectedly visits him he declares his love for her and says that he will marry her "when the divorce is over". As she wants to teach the pompous young man a lesson, and being high-spirited, she plays along.

But his passion burns such that she starts to feel contrite, and together with the Mere's, she plots to invite Logan down one weekend to their country house, where the deception is revealed. Logan is furious at being made a fool of, and angrily leaves for Europe, to forget. Fortunately, Leslie intercepts him and convinces him that marriage is the only foolproof cure for seasickness. And the sequel: instead of a honeymoon in Paris, Leslie has the satisfaction of hearing her husband plead the virtues of the female sex in his next, most important divorce case.

Produced by ALEXANDER KORDA
Directed by TIM WHELAN

MERLE OBERON as Leslie
LAURENCE OLIVIER as Logan
RALPH RICHARDSON as Lord Mere
BINNIE BARNES as Lady Mere
MORTON SELTEN as Lord Steele
J. H. ROBERTS as Slade
GERTRUDE MUSGROVE as Saunders
GUS McNAUGHTON as Waiter

