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Live piano accompaniment

by Martin Marks

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Aelita: Queen of Mars

Directed by Yakov Protazanov

USSR 1924, 35mm, b/w, silent, 82 min.

*With Julia Sointseva, Nikolai Batalov,
Igor Ilinsky*

Russian language version

AN EXAMPLE OF early Soviet science fiction, this film is an eccentric comedy based on Alexei Tolstoy's story about an inventor who shoots his wife and flees to Mars. The futurist design gracing this film decisively influenced many subsequent designers and illustrators of science fiction stories, especially the design of Mongo in the 1936 version of *Flash Gordon*.

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