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GORILLA, THE

1939 / 66:00 / B/W / Comedy/ Horror/ Mystery

Director: Allan Dwan

Starring: Jimmy Ritz, Harry Ritz, Anita Louise, Al Ritz



SYNOPSIS:

The Ritz Brothers star in this mystery-comedy as detectives hunting for a murderer who dresses up as a gorilla, and then blames his crimes on one that has escaped. Garrity, Harrigan and Mulligan are private detectives who end up in a spooky house looking for the mad killer (who is played by Lionel Atwill). The gorilla looks to be straight from the prop department but has everyone terrified.

REVIEWS:

"It's the old one about the country gentleman who receives threatening notes from an unknown source signed "The Gorilla". Midnight is the hour of doom and the Ritzes arrive at the scene an hour or so before to see that he is properly protected they of course being private detectives. From this point on things begin to happen. People like Anita Louise and Patsy Kelly shriek themselves hoarse Mr. Atwill disappears, The Ritz Brothers disappear (one by one), Bela Lugosi appears out of the nowhere secret panels in the walls open and close flashes of lightning illuminate gloomy rooms. It's a romp through a haunted house, as only the Ritz Brothers can do it. And they are aided by a strong cast, from Atwill to Lugosi.