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The golden spider

The Golden Spider is a 1943 Nazi spy film directed by Erich Engels.

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Storyline

Two Soviet agents are dropped over Germany by parachute from a bomber plane. The spies first go to the "Rote Mühle" establishment, whose boss is being blackmailed into presenting the agent Lisaweta as the singer "Agnes Jordan". The aim of the mission is the Kattenbeck works, where a new and particularly strong type of tank is being developed.

The agents try to identify a suitable victim among the employees. After the soldierly correct captain can't be spied on, the ambitious and reckless engineer Axel Rüdiger, the works director's right-hand man, turns out to be the ideal victim. Rüdiger, who is actually engaged to the director's daughter and company doctor Christa, agrees to a rendezvous with the attractive agent. This uses one of these opportunities to copy secret documents from Rüdiger's briefcase. However, the agents are not satisfied with these documents, but now openly blackmail the engineer into providing them with further secret plans for the tank, otherwise they would report him for betraying secrets. Rüdiger submits to the agent's blackmail and copies parts of the tank plans at night, which he procured from the vault of the

Movie	
original title	The golden spider
	 A black and white movie poster for "Die Goldene Spinne". The title is written in a stylized font. "DIE" is in small capital letters above "GOLDFENE" in large, bold, block letters. Below "GOLDFENE" is a large, flowing cursive script of "Spinne".
production	<u>Deutsches Reich</u>
country	
original language	<u>German</u>
Publishing year	<u>1943</u>
length	81 minutes
age rating	<u>FSK 6</u>
	<u>Rod</u>
directing	<u>Eric Engels</u>
script	<u>Erich Engels</u> <u>Wolf Neumeister</u> <u>Ulrich Vogel</u>
Music	<u>Werner Eisbrenner</u>
camera	<u>Ernest Wilhelm Fiedler</u>
	<u>occupation</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Kirsten Heiberg</u> : Agent Lisaweta, aka "Agnes Jordan" ▪ <u>Harald Paulsen</u> : Agent Smirnoff, aka "Petersen" ▪ <u>Jutta Freybe</u> : company doctor Dr. Christa Fischer 	

Privy Council. When handling the plans, however, he makes a few mistakes, whereupon the director and his colleagues become suspicious and turn on the Gestapo. Rüdiger flies up, but is able to go under in time. He is later picked up by the rural gendarmerie and shot by them trying to escape again. Because of her connection to Rüdiger, Christa is now also suspected of being involved in the espionage affair. She was initially unable to dispel this suspicion during an interrogation by the Gestapo.

In the meantime, agent Agnes Jordan has successfully ensnared the widowed driver of the Kattenbeck works and, under the pretense of marriage intentions, persuaded him to give her access to the factory premises and the shooting range. There she manages to collect material samples of the armored steel. However, since the plant management has repeatedly urged its employees to be vigilant against spies, the behavior of the agent – who is currently on the premises as a worker – is beginning to attract attention. The chauffeur Berger now also sees the light, and with a guilty conscience he reports to the works security department. While the authorities are alerted, the agent manages to slip away at the last minute. Disguised as a nurse, she tries to escape east on a hospital train. There she is finally exposed and arrested. During her interrogation by the Gestapo, she tries to incriminate the uninvolved Christa.

Agent Petersen is the last spy to be caught. He was initially able to gain access to the plant as a canteen supplies representative. After killing the head of the "Red Mill" in order to eliminate her as an accomplice, Petersen ventures back into the Kattenbeck factory because of the last missing construction details. After all, he can even get into the production hall there and now tries to explore the secrets of the tank on his own. A dramatic showdown ensues on the factory floor, in which the agent is fatally injured. With his last breath he can make it clear that Christa Fischer has nothing to do with the espionage company.

- Otto Fee : Privy Councilor Fischer, Christa's father
- Liselott Schaak : Secretary of the Privy Council
- Rolf Weih : engineer Axel Ruediger
- Robert Buerkner : Dr. Eberding
- Werner Pledath : Director Heinsius
- Karl Dannemann : Foreman Boom
- Gerhard Dammann : works porter
- Erich Dunskus : Foreman
- Hellmuth Passarge : Entry guard
- Ursula Voß : factory worker
- Gerti Gert : factory employee
- Hans Waschatko : works doctor
- Eduard Wenck : factory worker
- Ewald Wenck : Works guard Kneisler
- Anneliese Würtz : Forewoman
- Josef Sieber : Chauffeur Berger
- Jaspar von Oertzen : Captain Hartung
- Lutz Götz : Criminal Counselor Vonhoff
- Hermann Brix : Criminal Inspector Freise
- Ernst Schlott : criminal secretary Zähringer
- Maly Delschaft : Rosa Sykora, head of the "Red Mill"
- Klaus Pohl : ballet master of the "Red Mill"
- Conrad Cappi : Intendant of the "Red Mill"
- Wilhelm Bendow : Guest of the "Red Mill"
- Käte Jöken-König : owner of the artists' pension
- Traute Bengen : maid in the boarding house
- Franz Arzdorf : Train control officer
- Bernhard Goetzke : Chief Medical Officer on the train
- Walter Steinweg : Wounded Soldier

Production and Reception

The film was produced and distributed by the Berliner Terra-Filmkunst GmbH . The German premiere took place on December 23, 1943. It was awarded the ratings "politically valuable" and "popular education".

After the end of the Second World War, the performance was banned by the Allied High Command. Today the exploitation rights lie with the Friedrich-Wilhelm-Murnau-Foundation .

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- [*The golden spider* \(<http://www.murnau-stiftung.de/movie/312>\) at murnau-stiftung.de](#)

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