

M2870 MATT HOUSTON (USA, 9/26/1982-3/29/1985) [TV SERIES]

Series summary: Crime/mystery series set in contemporary Los Angeles. Matt Houston (Horsley) is a Vietnam veteran millionaire, cattle rancher, oil baron, playboy and private investigator.

Blood money (11/30/1984)

Credits: director, Don Chaffey ; writer, Stephen Lord.

Cast: Lee Horsley, Jenny Sherman, Denny Miller, James Shigeta, Scott Marlowe.

Summary: Melanie Webster (Sherman), an old classmate of Matt's, seeks his help in figuring out why some gangsters are after her boyfriend John Briscoe (Marlowe). It turns out Briscoe is an ex-Army supply officer. He was convicted of heroin trafficking but escaped from Leavenworth Prison. The gangsters are after rare gems he smuggled out of South Vietnam's treasury with the help of a South Vietnamese officer.

Breakpoint (1/11/1985)

Credits: director, Peter Crane ; writer, Robert Brennan.

Cast: Lee Horsley, Michael Goodwin, Gary Wood, Norm Alden, Lauren Chase.

Summary: Matt's cousin Will (Goodwin) is close to suicide, threatening to throw himself off a building. He is having trouble adjusting to civilian life after being freed from a Cambodian prison and has been dumped by his girlfriend. Matt finds out the girlfriend is a con artist but tracks her down to help talk Will off his ledge.

Escape from Nam (11/9/1984)

Credits: director, James L. Conway ; writers, Daniel J. Pyne, Scott Shepherd.

Cast: Lee Horsley, Michael Goodwin, Robert Loggia, James Hampton, Soon Teck-Oh.

Summary: Matt has been captured by the Cambodian warlord Dao Chi after he was betrayed by a Vietnam veteran turned soldier-of-fortune named Andy McKay (Max Baer). Matt's father organizes another rescue

Return to Nam (11/2/1984)

Credits: director, James L. Conway ; writers, Daniel J. Pyne, Scott Shepherd.

Cast: Lee Horsley, Michael Goodwin, Robert Loggia, James Hampton, Soon Teck-Oh, Max Baer.

Summary: Terrifying memories of his service in Vietnam come back to haunt Matt, who returns to Southeast Asia in search of his cousin Will, whom he thought was KIA in 1972, but has since turned up on a photograph from a POW camp. Matt finds Will is being held by the Cambodian warlord Dao Chi (Soon Teck-Oh) and is captured himself after a failed rescue attempt.

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