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ROCKET PLANE.

America tries out a new rocket plane, carried beneath a parent ship. Light skis replace wheels for landing. With this plane, the X-2, the U.S. Air Force hopes to penetrate the "heat barrier" - the next big obstacle in supersonic flight. At 30,000 feet, all is set for the rocket plane to fly on its own.

The pilot sits behind glass built to resist a thousand degrees of heat...She's army!

This is a test glide to earth, without power. The fuselage can withstand the heat of air friction at fantastic speeds, and when power trials start, the X-2 may reach 2,000 miles an hour in mastering the sky's newest challenge - the heat barrier.