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- Zhang, Yimou (2004), *Shi mian mai fu (House of Flying Daggers)*, China: Beijing New Picture Film Co.

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