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The man who becomes a shadow



1 Samurai armor
yoroi

2 Film poster
eiga no posutā

1 RAHUL

『影武者』はどんな話ですか。

Kagemusha wa donna hanashi desu ka.

What is the story of Kagemusha?

2 AIKO

別の人のふりをする男の話です。

Betsu no hito no furi o suru otoko no hanashi desu.

It is about a man who impersonates someone else.

Read 1, then 2. Japanese → romaji → English. Practice follows the two comics.

The man who becomes a shadow

Kagemusha / 影武者 (1980)



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RAHUL
色も、とても印象的ですね。

The colors are very striking too.

AIKO
権力と自分らしさを考えさせます。

It makes us think about power and identity.

CINEMA NOTEBOOK

A thief serves as the double of warlord Takeda Shingen, and a clan's survival depends on the performance. Kagemusha shared the 1980 Cannes Palme d'Or. Lucas and Coppola helped support its international backing; they did not direct it. See the dedicated spotlight after the film guide. [16, 17]

JAPANESE LENS

X のふりをする / X no furi o suru = pretend to be X. 印象的 / inshōteki = striking or memorable. Treat the longer film-critical phrases as recognition vocabulary.

影 kage = shadow; 色 iro = color; 権力 kenryoku = power

YOUR TURN Name two central themes of Kagemusha in English.

LANGUAGE APPROACH

Polite contemporary Japanese is used for conversation; advanced film terms are introduced as recognition phrases. No audio or independent language-editor review is included. This book is not affiliated with NFAJ, any festival, or the Kurosawa estate.



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Through Rahul and Aiko's illustrated journeys, he brings language and culture together, helping readers discover Japanese life while learning the words and expressions to describe, discuss, and share their experiences.

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