



THE AGE OF SHADOWS

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Season
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Release: 2016

Cert (UK): 15

Country: France/Germany

Language: Korean and Japanese

Runtime: 2 hour 18 mins

Director: Jee-woon Kim

Writer: Jee-woon Kim and Kathy Pilon

Cinematographer: Je-yong Kim

Cast: Byung-hun Lee, Kang-ho Song, Yoo Gong



This was the South Korean entry for this year's Oscars. Set in the early 20th century at the time when Korea was occupied by Japan. It has echoes of many occupation and resistance stories. Which side is the 'hero' Lee Jung-Chool on, which side are you (the audience) on? This is a terrorist versus resistance fighter story, but with many twists. In typical Korean style its action sequences are full on and there is no

hesitation to show brutal torture sometimes modified by the 'Clockwork Orange' insertion of an inappropriate musical track.

Directed and co-written by Jee-woon Kim, who is known for his detailed direction. He has made films in several genres in Korea, including 'The Good, The Bad, the Weird' – a tribute to spaghetti westerns – and one previous film in the USA – 'The Last Stand' – starring Arnold Schwarzenegger – so Warner Brothers taking this as their first ever production of a Korean movie, whilst a great compliment to the director, should be no surprise to us.

