



MASALA MAMA

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THE INTERNATIONAL CATEGORY



Country: Singapore

Running Time: 8m 27s

Director: Michael Kam

Producer: Fran Borgia

Production Company: Akanga Film Asia

Short Synopsis: The young son of a poor "rag-and-bone" man aspires to draw superheroes but goes about it the wrong way by stealing a comic book from the gentle owner of a small Indian grocery ("mama") shop. When fate brings them together again, they each discover something much more important...

Long synopsis: *Masala Mama* is a film about finding allies and heroes in the most unlikely people. The young son of a struggling 'rag-and-bone' man must help his father support their family, though much to his father's chagrin, the boy is constantly distracted by daydreams of drawing comic book superheroes. Driven by his aspirations, he steals a comic from the gentle owner of a small Indian grocery store (colloquially called a 'mama-shop'), setting in motion a series of confrontations between his father – a man hardened by pursuit of earning a living, and the storeowner – a man open to the pursuit of a dream.

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