C2740 CATFISH IN BLACK BEAN SAUCE  (USA, 1999)

Credits: director/writer, Chi Muoi Lo.
Cast: Chi Muoi Lo, Lauren Tom, Paul Winfield, Mary Alice, Kieu Chinh.
Summary: Family melodrama/comedy set in contemporary Los Angeles. Mai (Tom) and her brother Dwayne (Lo) were Vietnamese children in a refugee camp, put up for adoption by their desperate mother, and adopted by an African American soldier and his wife (Winfield and Alice) who were unable to have children of their own. As an adult, Mai tracks down her birthmother (Chinh) and brings her to America for the first time. After an emotional reunion with their mother, Dwayne and Mai face conflicting feelings over their identities and loyalties.

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