

G4365 GIOT LE HA LONG (VIETNAM/HONG KONG, 1994?)

(Other titles: Teardrop pearl of Ha Long)

Credits: directors, Tran Vu, Nguyen Huu Phan ; writers, Vuong Dan Hoan, Le Quoc ; story, Ngoc Hien.

Cast: Ha Thu, Quyen Linh, Nhu Quynh, Uy Linh, Thu Ha.

Summary: Melodrama set in the late 1970s on the northeast Vietnamese coast where ethnic Chinese have settled among the Vietnamese. A-Chau (Thu Ha), a Chinese potter, is in love with fisherman Quang (Quyen Linh), but is pressured by her family to marry a Chinese. Instead, A-Chau and Quang elope by boat. The pair live among pearl fishers until A-Chau's pregnancy forces her to return home. She gives birth to a son but is forced to abandon him and join the exodus of ethnic Chinese when fighting breaks out between China and Vietnam. There is a happy reunion twelve years later.

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