

G7258 LE GRAND JEU (FRANCE/ITALY, 1954)

(Other titles: Card of fate; Flesh and the woman; The big game)

Credits: director, Robert Siodmak ; writer, Charles Spaak ; story, Charles Spaak, Jacques Feyder.

Cast: Gina Lollobrigida, Arletty, Jean-Claude Pascal, Raymond Pellegrin.

Summary: Melodrama set in contemporary France and Algeria with references to the Indochina War. Shady attorney Pierre (Pascal) joins the French Foreign Legion to escape his creditors and forget his spoiled mistress Sylvia (Lollobrigida). In the Legion Pascal is posted to Indochina and other places. When he finally gets back to his base in Algeria, Pascal encounters and falls for Helene, a local woman, who is the double of Sylvia and suffering from amnesia. When Sylvia shows up for real and sends Helene packing, Pascal returns to the Legion.

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