

DOKKODO

The Path of Aloneness

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Synopsis:

Set during the social and political turmoil of the Warring States period in Japan, Dokkodo chronicles the journey of Katsu, an older samurai who has given up on the ways of the warrior. When Katsu was a young man, he killed a powerful samurai to obtain a legendary sword that prevents him from dying in combat. But this gift came at a price. The legendary sword has led Katsu to achieve no joy or honor from fighting, and cause him to resign from the samurai lifestyle and become a vagrant traveler. When Dorin Monsesuke, a prominent samurai lord, discovers Katsu's whereabouts and attempts to get Katsu to fight once more, a heated ideological battle erupts between the two men, ending in a bloody conflict that leads Katsu to regain his honor.

Katsu: 30s-60s Asian Male A grizzled, veteran warrior who has given up on the samurai lifestyle. Possesses a legendary sword that prevents him from losing in battle. However, the sword has caused him to receive no joy, honor or passion from fighting. Katsu now fights only when absolutely necessary. He has very cynical views toward "honorable" samurai like Dorin. Katsu also resents the legendary reputation he has garnered, because he does not believe that he has earned it.

Dorin Monesuke: 20s-40s Asian Male A man very much dedicated to the samurai lifestyle. Disciplined, strong and athletic. He is a samurai lord with a lot weighing on his conscience. He is losing the biggest battle of his life and he needs Katsu to turn the tide. Eager and honorable, yet somewhat blinded by his military ambitions.

Date Takamori: 40s-80s Asian Male The samurai that Katsu kills to get the legendary sword. Old, wise and powerful. Warns Katsu of the dangers of the sword, because he has lived for many years with the hardships it brings.