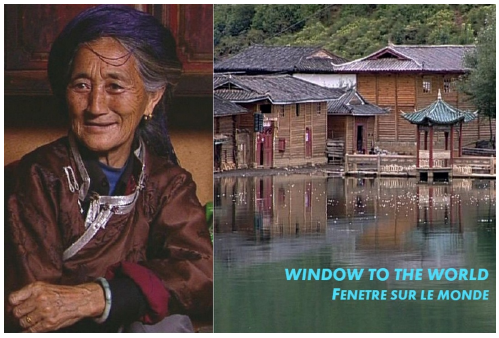

FRANCE: IN THE SHADOW OF SUPERPHOENIX

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