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An Actor's Revenge (Yukinojo Henge), Teinosuke Kinugasa, 1935. 97 min., black and white, Shochiku. American premiere.

This is the original film version on which Ichikawa's classic 1963 remake was based, and like the remake it stars Kazuo Hasegawa. Here a much younger Hasegawa plays three roles: Yukinojo, the revenge-bent Kabuki actor of female roles; Yamitaro, the two-bit gangster who assists him; and Yukinojo's mother as well. The film was orginally made in three feature-length parts; this version was edited together from all three for the film's 1952 re-release.

sc: Daisuke Ito and Teinosuke Kinugasa, from the novel by Otokichi Mikami; ph: Kohei Sugiyama; mus: Nobhiro Matsudaira, Tetsuya Naokawa, Shoichiro Kineya.

cast: Kazuo Hasegawa, then known by the stage name Chojiro Hayashi (Yukinojo, Yamitaro, mother), Tokusaburo Arashi (Kikunojo), Kokuten Kodo (Dobe), Akiko Chihaya (Namiji), et al.