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Like SHADOWS OF FORGOTTEN ANCESTORS, this phantasmagoric period film enjoys a cult following for its exotic imagery and psychedelic narrative. Stories within stories unfold, until neither the hero -- Zbigniew Cybulski as a young Guards Captain crossing the mountains in Spain -- nor the audience can distinguish the real world from the false. Based on the delightful chronicles of Jan Potowcki, a Polish adventurer who wrote in French in the early 19th Century, the film abounds in marvelous conjurations (sexy princesses, inquisition torturers, mysterious cabalists and demons). and maintains its wit throughout a 2½ hr. running time.