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FLOWER IN A COCOON

Director: Zhang Zitao

Country/Region: Wuhan, China

Duration: 67 minutes

LOGLINE

An exploration of the marginalized youth "Huang Sheng," whose adherence to being a "good person" leads to his tragic self-destruction under the weight of societal expectations.

SYNOPSIS

This is a story about the intersecting fates of marginalized individuals in society. Huang Sheng, a naive young man, always holds onto his dreams and maintains a kind heart. However, he repeatedly suffers setbacks due to external forces, including the education system, his original family, and societal views on love.

He reunites with an old friend, Ding Laogou, a down-and-out writer who is touched by Huang Sheng's experiences and decides to document them. Meanwhile, Huang Sheng develops a complicated bond with Xiaofang, a masseuse with a tragic fate, blending sympathy and romance -- yet this connection ultimately succumbs to the cruel reality.

In the end, Huang Sheng marches toward self-destruction amidst societal coldness and misunderstanding, leaving behind only a written eulogy by Ding Laogou.



DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

Starting from the protagonist's journey toward self-destruction, this film aims to explore a profound question: When the internal criteria of being a "good person" are redefined by external forces, can the "Ego" still successfully balance the "Id" and the "Superego"?

DIRECTOR'S BIO

Zhang Zitao is a young director born in 2003. He is a member of the Youth Committee of the Hubei Film Association and a member of the Wuhan Film and Television Workers Association. His short films have been officially selected and awarded at dozens of film festivals worldwide.



TECHNICAL SPECS

- Running Time: 67 minutes
- Aspect Ratio: 2.35:1
- Sound Format: 2.0 Stereo
- Shooting Format: 4K
- Language: Mandarin
- Subtitles: Bilingual (Chinese & English)

MAIN CAST

- QUN Qing as Huang Sheng
- LI Jingxuan as Xiao Fang
- ZHANG Zihao as Ding Laogou
- SONG Guangzhou as Xiao Fang's Mother
- LIU Aiqin as Huang Sheng's Mother
- HAI Yun as Huang Sheng's Father

KEY CREW

- **Directed by: ZHANG Zitao**
- **Written by: ZHOU Yutong, ZHANG Zitao**
- **Executive Producers: ZHANG Zitao, GU Yaqi**
- **Producer: WEI Daizhen**
- **Director of Photography (DP): BAI Chonghong**
- **Editor: ZHANG Zitao**
- **Colorist: ZHANG Zitao**
- **Composers: DENG Qinghua, CUI Mengqi**
- **Sound Designer: CUI Mengqi**
- **Re-Recording Mixer: TAN Yuanyou**

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