

DAYBREAK

The ordinary days where I made continuous effort.
The time I spent with my precious people.
Even during those sleepless nights where I lay alone—
I was always seeking for something.

I am truly glad that
I believed in you.

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All I could do was to make sincere effort. The bitter-sweet days of my youth came back to life.

Introduction

Based around 1975, Tokyo. This is a spiritual story of a young man with a great love for books and devotion to his studies, who will eventually make an ultimate decision that no one else has ever made before. The hero, Shinichi Chudo, who awakens to true and diverse spiritual powers, is played by Hiroshi Okawa, an actor who attracted attention in *The World We Live In* released in 2017. The girlfriend, Yoshiko Nukata, is played by Yoshiko Sengen (Fumika Shimizu), an actress who caught widespread public attention from the NHK serial televised novel, *Mare* (2015). The director of *The World We Live In*, Hiroshi Akabane, picks up the megaphone once again to vividly bring back to life the transient, yet beautiful days of youth.



Story

Shinichi Chudo, a young man who has come from a rural town to enter an elite university in Tokyo, was devoting all of his time on his studies with high aspiration. Yet, his love life and job hunting does not seem to go the way he expected. But one day just before his graduation, he begins to have contact with spiritual beings. Shinichi, who starts working for a trading company, gets promoted at an exceptional speed and falls in love with Yoshiko Nukata who is popular in the company. Just when life seemed to be steering in the right direction, Shinichi awakens to his mission as the Savior. But in order to choose that life, he must give up the marriage with his precious partner as well as to abandon his future as business elite. Will he choose the happiness of this world? Or will he choose to follow his destiny? The temptation from the devils stealthily creeps inside Shinichi's wavering mind.



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