

# Sisterhood

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**A Film by**  
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Starring  
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## STORY

Ai came into Yui's life when Yui was 6. 2 years older than Yui, Ai is the stepsister from Yui's mother's remarriage. Having to endure domestic violence from their father and the ignorance from their mother, the two depend on each other and form an unbreakable bond. When the two girls reach middle school, they face the danger of separation when their parents plan for divorce. In hope of staying together, the two girls run away from home and head for the metropolis: Tokyo.

Wondering through the streets of Shinjuku, the two girls live a carefree life. However, the carefree life comes to an abrupt end when their funds are depleted. In order to survive, the girls resort to digging through trash and stealing. One night, Ai steals a bag from an old man who had mistaken her as a prostitute. However, the man happens to be the accountant of a yakuza group and the bag contains the account book that holds records of the group's illegal activities. The girls discard the account book since it is no use to them, but unknowingly to the girls, they've suddenly become the most wanted by the yakuzas.

Meanwhile, Yui's asthma worsens and the girls go on the streets searching for medicine. While the girls wonder around the streets, they are sighted and chased around by the yakuzas. In the nick of time, they are saved by Tanida, a scruffy old yakuza member. At first, Tanida do not want to get further involved with the girls, however, he decides to take them in and eventually come to love them and cherish them as his own daughters. Through the time they spend together they rediscover how to smile from the bottom of their heart once again. Knowing how Yui loves the ocean, Tanida gives the girls two tickets to Okinawa, the southernmost island in Japan. However, upon being questioned by the excited and overjoyed girls why he does not have a ticket for himself, Tanida is forced to make a promise between the three that they would meet up in Okinawa someday.

Unfortunately, good times don't last. It did not take long for the yakuza organization to figure out Tanida is harboring the two wanted girls. By chance, Ai witnesses Tanida shot in front of her. Hoping she can warn Yui about the yakuzas in time, she rushes to their hideout. However, the yakuzas already got to Yui when Ai arrives at the scene. With the gun she received from the dying Tanida, Ai shoots and kills one of the yakuza officers. Carrying the bloodied Yui who was tortured by the yakuza officer, the two stagger through the streets of Shinjuku. With the death of Tanida and wanted by both the yakuzas and the police (who listed the girls as suspects for killing of the yakuza officer), the two girls are suddenly stranded from the world... They are finally driven to the corner of an office building. However, when the police reach the rooftop they only find Yui holding them off with a pistol...

Meanwhile, Ai sneaks through the confused yakuzas and police on the ground level. Having never been apart since they first met, the pain of separation tears through both Ai and Yui. However, Ai keeps on running without looking back despite the tears flowing down her cheeks... With the promise to meet up at Okinawa one day between the three waiting to be fulfilled... Will they be able to reunite once again?

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## TECHNICAL CREDITS

### -STAFF-

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Producer ..... Hirotaka Asano  
Production.....Macrophage Communications Co. Ltd  
Screenplay .....Eiji Uchida  
Director of Photography ..... Hikaru Yasuda  
Editor.....Eiji Uchida  
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