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A Story of Sweet and Sensitive Transgender Family

Close-Knit (彼らが本気で編むときは、) (127mins, 2017)

Directed by Naoko Oigami



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11-year-old Tomo (Rinka Kakihara) lives with mother Hiromi (Mimura), but Hiromi decides to give up on her and leaves their home. Tomo, now all alone, visits her uncle Makio's (Kenta Kiritani) home. Makio lives with his beautiful girlfriend Rinko (Toma Ikuta). Rinko was born as a man and now works as a caregiver at a home for the elderly. Tomo is a little confused by the situation, but they begin to live as a family.

Director, Naoko Ogigami has defined her own distinct voice with several maverick features centered on women (*Kamome Diner, Glasses, Rent-a-Cat*). Utilizing an amusingly quirky and often bittersweet mode of storytelling, she creates unique spaces that offer a respite from the irritations of daily life to both her characters and viewers. This film finds her taking things to a new level, incorporating a transgender character, presented in a decidedly objective and novel form.

**In Japanese with English subtitles*

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