

LOST SOULS

Genre: Action, Drama, Adventure, Mature, Tragedy, Historical

Set in the historical samurai era of Japan in the 19th century, a young man embarks on a journey to truly find the reason behind his existence. Joshirou Ichijo is a child prodigy from the house of the strongest samurai in history. His talents are exceptional even by his family's standards. The house of Ichijo is in charge of the state's secretive operations since its establishment on the continent. The family holds the most military power but only a few operatives know of their existence. Joshirou is the heir of the Ichijo family with all of its secrets of killing worth hundreds of years passed onto him. After countless wars and battles, Joshirou starts to experience existential crisis from the bloodshed and the ongoing wars in the country. This event made him start questioning his purpose and the conservative tradition that binds his destiny.

Joshirou is born with two natural disabilities; alexithymia and monochromic color blindness. He can neither experience emotions nor can he see colors. However, as he starts to embark on the journey to find his identity, he starts to see, hear, taste, smell, and feel more alive gradually. This journey of curiosity is what motivated Joshirou to abandon his birthright and the laws of his family. This act has rendered him to be labeled as a traitor to his family's history and the consequences for that are deemed inexcusable. On his travels, he encounters a 16-year old runaway maiden named Chihiro who is unknowingly the illegitimate daughter of the former shogun. He took the responsibility of taking care of her until she settles down in someplace safe on the way to his travels after her village and the Dango shop she was working in were destroyed by Joshirou's pursuers. This attack claimed the lives of everyone in the village including her mother. The past version of himself wouldn't have cared however, this incident starts to make him more open to the consequences of his decisions.

Chihiro and Joshirou are opposites of each other. Chihiro is an adventurous girl who is respectful and free-spirited but sometimes she abandons her ladylike manners when comfortable. Unlike Chihiro, Joshirou is a pacifist that seems reserved, introverted, and studious. He fully observes his surroundings and never lets himself be too comfortable because of his training and killer instinct as a trained warrior from birth. As his journey continues, he starts to question everything in his surroundings and the biggest mystery is himself. The pair of travelers make new friends along the way, form new bonds, and get closer to each other as they face one of the most challenging struggles they have ever faced before. Assassins, former family, and comrades are now after his head on the order of the 94th head of the Ichijo family. Gruesome battles and deadly encounters will make this journey more depressing than relief but Joshirou is a man that never goes back on his promise. The bond that will be formed between the two travelers and their companions will make Joshirou experience what it feels like to have emotions and see the true image of the world. The meaning behind training his blade skills, the purpose of his service, and the future of the Ichijo heritage will be decided by the end of this memorable journey.