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Young Style (2013) - Movie Review

Young Style is a movie that follow Ju Ran, a student who failed his senior year, and has to take his senior year again. He is suffering from relationship problems, the girl he loved at the beginning of the story does not seem to have many feelings for him. He struggles throughout his second senior year, trying to make his way through to pass the Gaokao (which is similar to an American college entrance exam).

I was very surprised by this movie, and the thing that surprised me the most is how strict the school systems seem to be in China. I think that maybe this movie was being a bit dramatic about the school system, but it is very strict there. It was also interesting to see the Chinese culture, like how students give their teachers and parents ultimate respect. I was also surprised by the school dormitories for young students, very few schools (that are not universities) have dorms at the schools. The only schools that have dorms for students are boarding schools, and only the wealthy go to boarding schools. I don't think this was true for China, as there were some poor people, like Zhou Qiang, in the movie. Again, maybe the movie is simply being dramatic, but even then it seems very different, and unfamiliar to me. Finally, it is also interesting to see how seriously Chinese students take school. It seems to really take an emotional toll on them, they are constantly studying and do not have time to do much else. It is very interesting to see how serious education is to them, and how important it is to make sure that they do their best for success.