

# Like Someone in Love

Written by Abbas Kiarostami

## Sequence 1

Akiko, a young woman, sits in a restaurant, having dinner with Hiroshi. Her friend Nagasi sits at a nearby table. Akiko is talking on her phone to someone who doesn't believe she is at the restaurant. Hiroshi asks that Akiko visit with Takashi this evening. Akiko is resistant. Before leaving the restaurant, she borrows lipstick from Nagasi. Hiroshi puts Akiko into a taxi and gives the driver some money and a piece of paper with an address.

## Sequence 2

During the taxi ride, Akiko listens to her phone messages. There are several from her grandmother, who has just arrived in the city and hopes to have lunch with her. She is waiting for Akiko at the train station. Akiko asks the driver to go to the station. From the car, Akiko watches her grandmother. The taxi arrives at the address, the home of Takashi, an elderly man. The driver helps Akiko out of the taxi.

## Sequence 3

Akiko and Takashi talk in his apartment. Takashi, a professor, wants to have dinner and a drink with Akiko, but she is tired and falls asleep in his bed.

## Sequence 4

The following morning, Takashi drives Akiko to the university, where she has to take an exam. She gets out of the car and is confronted by a young man, Noriaki. From the car, Takashi watches as Akiko and Noriaki argue. Akiko goes into the university building, leaving Noriaki on the street outside. Takashi watches Noriaki from the car. Noriaki approaches and asks if Takashi has a light. Noriaki eventually realises that Takashi is waiting for Akiko. He gets into the car the two men talk. Noriaki, a mechanic, says he is Akiko's fiancé. He mistakes Takashi for Akiko's grandfather, and asks him for Akiko's hand in marriage. Takashi plays along, advising Noriaki not to marry Akiko. Akiko gets into the car, after having finished the exam, and the three drive off. Noriaki hears something wrong with the motor. Takashi pulls over so Noriaki can take a look. Noriaki suggests they go to the garage where he works so he can fix the car. At the garage, Akiko and Takashi talk. Takashi encounters a former student.

## Sequence 5

Takashi's apartment. Akiko telephones. She is upset. Takashi picks her up and brings her to the apartment. Noriaki appears at the door and starts shouting. Something suddenly smashes through the window.