

Two in the Shadow Midare Gumo

Japan/1967/35mm/Colour/108'/Japanese

Direction: Mikio Naruse

Producer: Masakatsu Kaneko, Sanezumi Fujimoto

Screenplay: Nobuo Yamada Cinematography: Jo Aizawa

Editing: Hideshi Ohi Sound: Toru Takemitsu

Cast: Yoko Tsukasa, Mitsuko Kusabue, Yuzo Kayama,

Daisuke Kato

Awards/Festivals

London Lesbian & Gay Film Festival 1995. Munich Film Festival 1989.

Shiro Mishima, a young company man, kills a government official in a traffic accident which was beyond his control. The accident drastically changes the lives of Shiro and of Yumiko, the widow of the deceased. Shiro is transferred to a remote town but he sends money to Yumiko as compensation. Yumiko also leaves Tokio to reach the same town where Shiro works. They meet often and he is attracted towards her. But Yumiko continually rebuffs him. Discouraged, he asks to be transferred to Pakistan. Much to his surprise, on the very day of his departure the widow appears and tells him that she has fallen for him and that she wants to be with him. But fate has other plans for them.