


BEFORE THE LULL



A SHORT FILM
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The background image is a dark, blurry photograph of a person in a room. The person appears to be sitting or lying down, with their back to the camera. The room has a window with vertical blinds in the background, and the overall lighting is very low, creating a moody and mysterious atmosphere.

FILM SYNOPSIS

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YIWEN's first college entrance exam was a failure, her grades were not good enough to get into the law school her mother SU hoped for, but her grades were good enough to go to her favourite school to study art. Since her father's sudden disappearance, she rarely disobeyed her mother, so she chose to listen to her mother and repeat a year of schooling to retake the college entrance exam. Day after day, her mother whispered in her ear about the hardships of raising her alone and caring for her GRANDAFATHER, who had dementia. She knew she had to listen. But in the meantime, a hole inside her continues to take root and grow, fostering a dark side that consumes her. She fell into nihilism, not understanding who her life was really for. It is not until she meets her life mentor, CHU YAO, in a remedial class for repeaters. ChuYao has similar experiences as Yiwen, and in their daily life together, the two possess a different spark that transcends friendship and teacher-student relationship... However, Yiwen's family relationship becomes strained when Su discovers the relationship. Under the multiple pressures of school, family and love, how should Yiwen find her way in life...

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KEY CHARACTERS

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YIWEN (SUN QIAN)

YiWen, female, 19 years old, a senior high school student who chooses to repeat her studies for the sake of her mother's face. She seems to be obedient, but in fact she has a rebellious soul.

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CHU YAO (SUN MEI LIN)

Chu Yao (Yi-wen's girlfriend), 24 years old, a substitute teacher in Yiwen's repeating class, calm and collected. Often gives moral support to Yiwen.





SU (WU YUE)

Su, Female, 51 years old, single mother, busy at work, loves her daughter but neglects her mental health. A very stubborn and traditional person who often denies her daughter.



LOCATION
CHONG QING, CHINA

EQUIPMENTS

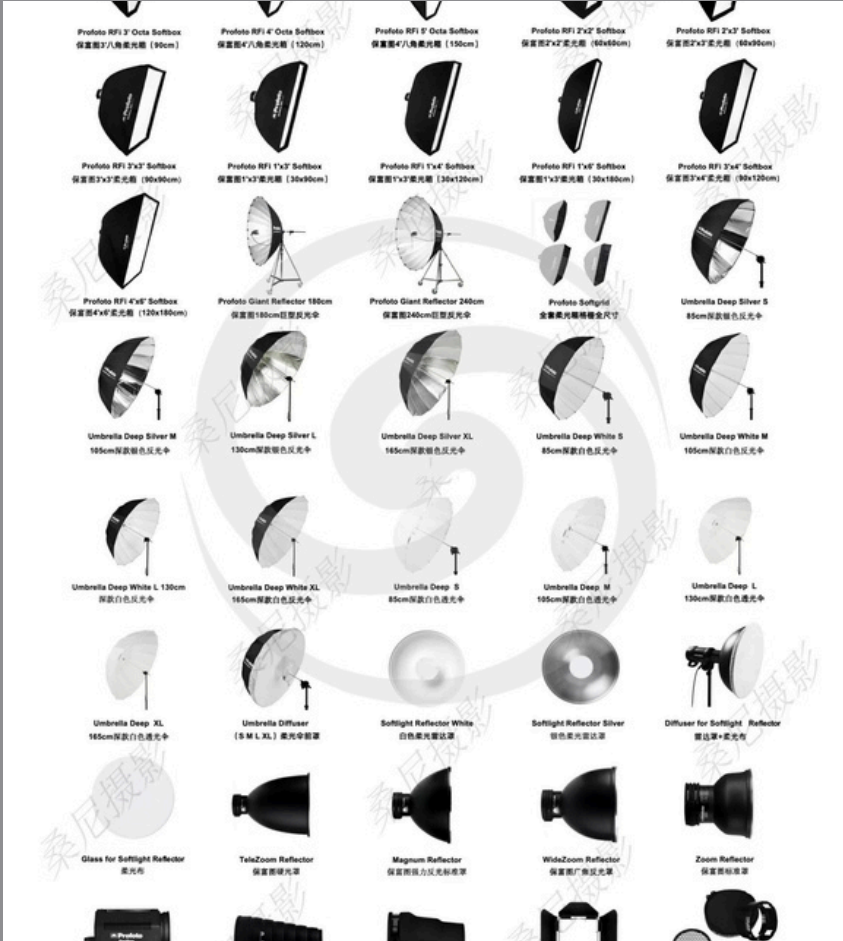
Rental of equipment can all be done at the dark horse equipment rental studio in Chongqing.



SONY A7C II



LIGHTING



SOFTBOX



RECORDING



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