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Welcome to the NHK

Plot

Welcome to the N.H.K. revolves around the lives of several young-adults all living in or around the city of Tokyo. Many different lifestyles are shown though most of the time the story focuses on the concepts of being a hikikomori, anime otaku, and having most of the characters experience intense feelings of depression and loneliness. One day just when his life seems entirely unchanging, he meets Misaki Nakahara, a mysterious girl who claims to be able to cure Tatsuhiro of his hikikomori ways. She presents him with a contract basically outlining that once a day they would meet in the evening in a local park where Misaki would lecture to Tatsuhiro in an effort to rid him of his lifestyle. During these outings, many subjects are discussed, though they almost always pertain in some way to psychology or psychoanalysis. One of their first meetings in fact deals with interpreting Tatsuhiro's recent dreams. Both Tatsuhiro and Misaki, however, have a tendency of over-doing things, such as hiding the truth, especially from each other and themselves. Despite Misaki's offer and pressing attempts at salvation, it is Tatsuhiro's neighbor and high school friend, Kaoru Yamazaki, whom Tatsuhiro often turns to in moments of need and support. Despite his own idiosyncrasies, Yamazaki is one of the more stable characters in the story.

The plots within the novel, manga and anime are each rather different from one another, and many themes and personalities differ between each. The novel also regularly mentions drug use by the main character, and later, his friend, Yamazaki. This element of the story is downplayed in the manga (drugs Sato uses are referred to as "legal psychedelics purchased off the internet"), and left out of the story altogether in the anime (with the exception of Hitomi). This is likely due to several reasons, including a more public-friendly rating, as well as ultimately being unneeded for the progression of the plot. Lolita themes present within the novel and manga have also been downplayed within the anime, where most of the women the characters lust after are of mature age, although brief hints still remain.

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Review

Welcome to N.H.K this anime could not reach closer to home, this anime really shows how humans battle problems in there own way and how each way has a different impact on there lives, from being suicidal to social anxiety to self induced schizophrenia. N.H.K covers it all. But this is what makes this anime so good, I know it seems a depressing dark anime but to my surprise it turned out to be light hearted for the most part. This anime somehow pulls out some of the most troubling matters in life and makes fun of it to the point were you don't realize how bad something really is until the anime points at the cold hard truth on the matter.

Now it might be shallow at first

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but then as the anime goes on you will see how each characters deals with social, psychological and emotional stress then as the same time they overcome there problems like every other normal person does by talking to there fridge... huh?

Now i know that this does not seem like much but this anime is one you have to watch adding anymore information about the anime would just spoil it for you.

Rating

[img]<http://moviegeekblog.files.wordpress.com/2011/04/10.png>[img]

Picture

Angel Beats! - *March 18, 2012, 7:20 pm*

Another nice review ;P

I demand the next review be school days!

hikikomori - *March 18, 2012, 7:25 pm*

Nice review dude.

You should review Bakemonogatari or A Tale Of Memories