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Danchi Woman

The Lady from Public Housing

A FILM BY AKIKO SUGIMOTO

1 x 66'

What happens when a Japanese octogenarian is forced to move after 30 years of life in one place?

85 years old and never married, Shizu has spent the past 3 decades living in one “Danchi” - the Japanese word for public housing - and filling it with the lifetime of souvenirs that have always kept her company. When the danchi is scheduled for demolition, Shizu and neighbors must say goodbye to their homes, and move into newer danchi that are too small to hold all of Shizu’s momentos.

This intimate documentary captures Shizu’s sense of humor, and profound nostalgia, as she sorts through relics of her past, and chooses which memories she must fit into her new home, and which ones she can let go of.



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