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"Lola rennt" (1998). Director: Tom Tykwer. Main actor: Franka Potente. Reviewed by Ai Kakunou.

When I was a junior high school student, I wanted to see this movie. However, I hadn't seen this until today. My impression of this movie is that it was so exciting and technical. To say simply, this movie is raising money story. Lola is a German girl, and she has a boyfriend whose name is Manni. One day, he lost his boss' 100,000 Deutsche Mark and he would be killed if he couldn't raise all money, so Lola ran to raise money for him!

Three different stories are included in this movie. However, each incident occurred in the same time zone. In short, these are the parallel worlds. In addition, it suggests that all of those could happen. Lola experiences these three different events one after another as if to push the reset button of the game machine. Whenever a new game starts, she takes a

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choice different from the last time and advances the story. She gets to the best ending at last.

Unfortunately, we don't have a reset button like she has. For that reason, there would be little time for us to hesitate or be bored, if small daily choices easily keep on changing our future.

The street in Berlin was very beautiful. It was not only antiquated but also a little stylish. When Lola ran through in Berlin, her red hair looked very vivid and impressive even though it is inharmonious at first sight.

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