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WAITING FOR AUGUST

by Teodora Ana Mihai, Romania 2014, 88'

Georgiana Halmac will turn 15 this winter. She lives with her six brothers in an affordable block of flats in the suburbs of Bacau, Romania. Despite her young age, she is the one who looks after her large family. Liliana, her mother, had to move to Turin to work and will not come back before next summer. With her mother abroad, Georgiana has become the head of the family, the only responsible for the upbringing and education of her brothers. Caught up between her needs as an adolescent and her many responsibilities, Georgiana has to create her role day by day, only with the support of a few phone calls with her mother. An intimate, uncensored insight of the seven brothers' daily life, the film shows how children are able to see life events through the eyes of imagination. One cannot but be impressed by their cleverness, but at the same time the film is an invitation to meditate on the instability of such balance.

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