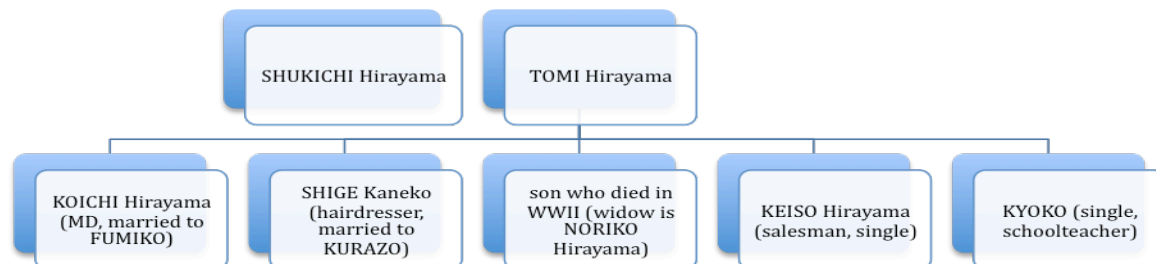


Character Guide to "Tokyo Story" (1953)

No story could be simpler. An old couple come to the city to visit their children and grandchildren. Their children are busy, and the old people upset their routines. In a quiet way, without anyone admitting it, the visit goes badly. The parents return home. A few days later, the grandmother dies. Now it is the turn of the children to make a journey.

From these few elements Yasujiro Ozu made one of the greatest films of all time.
-- Roger Ebert



Back row, left to right: NORIKO (widow of son who died in WWII), SHIGE (eldest daughter, hairdresser), KOICHI (eldest son, doctor), FUMIKO (wife of Koichi)

Front row, left to right: Youngest grandchild (son of Koichi and Fumiko), Tomi, Shukichi, eldest grandchild (son of Koichi and Fumiko)



A shot from the scene of the funeral of the mother, TOMI. From left to right (foreground to background), the characters are KYOKO (youngest daughter, single), NORIKO (widow of son who died in WWII), KEISO (youngest son, single), SHIGE (eldest daughter, married), KOICHI (eldest son, married), SHUKICHI (father, widower of Tomi).

TOMI and NORIKO



NORIKO and SHUKICHI

