

The Improper Identify Synopsis

Written and directed by **Miho Suzuki** and based in part on her own lived experiences, ***The Improper Identity*** follows *Ai*, a Japanese immigrant actress navigating life and work in Canada while confronting the realities of accent discrimination and linguistic bias. After struggling to secure opportunities because of how she speaks, *Ai* becomes involved with an inventor's experimental device known as the "Pronunciationizer," a fictional technology designed to erase accents and make speech sound more "standard." What begins as a hopeful solution quickly unravels as the device distances her from her relationships, identity and authentic voice, revealing the emotional and cultural cost of conformity.