



FESTIVAL
VERDI
PARMA



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PARMA

A LIFE IN MUSIC

The Protagonists

ANTONIO, 18 years old

BIRTHPLACE Parma

APPEARANCE

- 1.68 m
- Dark brown hair, sparse unkempt beard
- Light brown eyes, glasses
- Thin and light-framed, hunched shoulders

POSITIVES Excellent musical ear, remarkable intelligence, creative

NEGATIVES Little empathy, introverted, moody

BACKGROUND Comes from a humble provincial family, has excellent marks in his final year of high school where he is often teased for not saying much, sometimes being curt, for being out of touch, as well as being clumsy. He has no friends and has never had a girlfriend. He lives with his father and has a dog called Lulù. Antonio's mother left the family several years ago to marry a wealthier man and now lives in another city. Antonio loves her but cannot forgive her for having left his father. He spends a large part of his time at home, doesn't value social networks and prefers to take refuge in books. He has one great passion: playing his piano that was given to him by his father following many financial sacrifices. His preferred composer is without doubt Giuseppe Verdi and he has a poster of him on his wall. In his otherwise bare bedroom, he releases his creativity exclusively through playing and improvising on piano. Despite his difficulties, he always presents himself as untroubled to others and is still able to find the strength to see the world (always on his own) through innocent and curious eyes. He has an intelligence that many overlook. His quiet disposition is often mistaken for arrogance while in reality he is very shy and introverted. He struggles to maintain eye contact even with the few people he has relationships with.

ASPIRATIONS He is undecided about what he would like to do when he grows up, living more in the past than the future, however, he often dreams of becoming a composer. He needs someone to believe in him, someone that sees his qualities and that will support him in his personal and professional development.

SILVIA, 19 years old

BIRTHPLACE Parma

APPEARANCE

- 1.70 m
- Long, blonde hair
- Light, blue eyes
- Slim, physique of a dancer
- Bright and lively beauty

POSITIVES Social, cheerful, empathetic

NEGATIVES Over-sensitive, stubborn, competitive

BACKGROUND Comes from a particularly well-off family in Parma and attends the musical high school where she has previously failed a year, but is now approaching her final exams. She mainly lives alone at home, with her parents frequently away for work. She has many friends and seems to know everyone being one of the most popular girls in the city. She lives on social networks where she is an influencer. She plays the guitar and is the lead female singer in an indie rock band. She is charismatic and has an older boyfriend. Her moods are unstable, and she is surrounded by short-lived friendships and bad habits that hinder the development of her natural sensibility, despite being gifted with bright intelligence. She often hides herself to smoke and usually drinks alcohol with her friends and band before and after every concert. Her grandfather is the only person in her life that has truly understood, advised, and listened to her and the only person she has ever trusted to make decisions on her behalf. Unfortunately, he has passed away and she truly misses singing with him.

ASPIRATIONS Listening to music is an integral part of her life and she would like to develop this passion into a profession. She can imagine her future: she wants to live in the music world and dreams of becoming an internationally renowned vocalist. She would rather forget her past preferring not to reflect on her problems with anorexia and her relationship issues with her mother.