

Overview/Synopsis

*“There is what we know as real love.
And then, there’s what we know as a mere illusion.
And, still then, there’s me.”*

The story of the False Romeo—the failed lover who tries to impress and ends up with nothing—begins with our “hero,” Yuuto Ishikawa. A mediocre student and rather terrible in the relationship department, the 15-year-old Yuuto is forced into an unfamiliar high school after moving for the first time in his life to a city that he’s barely visited before.

Never having been a “people person,” as he calls it, Yuuto finds himself in a bind at the school. Almost nobody talks to him (though that doesn’t bother him too much), few people pay him any attention and nobody expects anything of him.

However, a week into the school year, a new transfer student joins his class, and introduces herself to him—as his fiancée, that is. Hanae Tsukuda, a girl Yuuto is completely unfamiliar with...or perhaps not? But the story wouldn’t be interesting if it ended there! Yuuto seems to also catch the eye of another girl in his class: Sayaka Hamasaki, the class representative for Yuuto’s class 1-C.

Determined to make a change, Yuuto makes himself a promise and strives to force himself out of his comfort zone and become more socially accepted. That is where our story begins! Enter our False Romeo, side by side with us, trapped in this play, and a dance of eternal solitude...or so he thinks. Heaven knows, maybe there’s someone else waiting for him out there!

Format

This story is written in chapters, separated by the chapter number (in roman numerals, ‘cause why not?).

Yuuto quotes literature once in a while. These quotes are fully written in italics, but are also between quotation marks (“texttexttext texttexttext texttexttext”). You can probably guess what he’s quoting though.

Texts (on the phone) are done with single quotation marks (‘texttexttext texttexttext texttexttext’). They are also much less formal than normal conversation, as they are directly quoting the text. Regular conversation is done...well...regularly (“texttexttext texttexttext texttexttext”). Thoughts are done without quotation marks in italics (texttexttext texttexttext texttexttext). Quotations within text, such as saying something while using air quotes in real life, are done with single marks within quotation marks (“texttexttext ‘texttexttext’ texttexttext”)

Characters

Note: To see spoilers, simply highlight them with your mouse (click and drag)!

Main Characters

Character	Brief Biography
Yuuto Ishikawa (Male, Age 15) Birthday: August 17 Height: 178cm Weight: 74.8kg Hair: Black Eyes: Brown	<p>The self-proclaimed “False Romeo,” Yuuto falls into a whole other category of failure when it comes to relationships. He believes that he’s completely done for in that department. On top of that, his academic career is nothing to rave about either!</p> <p>Yuuto is not popular with most of his classmates. He is relatively incapable, and does not socialize almost at all. In class, he does nothing but take notes, and even then, he barely gets passing grades.</p> <p>Yuuto doesn’t remember much from his childhood. It’s all a blur; one moment, he’s all alone. The next, there’s someone by his side, with a smile he can only vaguely remember. And then...it’s all blank.</p> <p>Spoiler 1:</p> <p>Spoiler 2:</p> <p>Spoiler 3:</p> <p>Spoiler 4:</p> <p>Spoiler 5:</p>
Hanae Tsukuda (Female, Age 15) Birthday: February 22 Height: 168cm Weight: 57.5kg Hair: Pink (done up in a single ponytail) Eyes: Purple	<p>A young girl with bright pink hair who transferred to Yuuto’s school at the beginning of the year. The other students all admire her (or just think she’s hot), but she doesn’t pay them much attention at all. Instead, she focuses on the one thing she’s ever known: that Yuuto is her one true love!</p> <p>Yuuto doesn’t have the slightest clue about what she goes on about all day, yet he somehow manages to put up with her. In fact, oddly enough, she’s the only person who Yuuto can easily maintain some sort of relationship with.</p>

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Yuina Sasaki (Female, Age 16) Birthday: October 2 Height: 178cm Weight: 74.8kg Hair: Black (long, flowing) Eyes: Grey Measurements: 61/58/64 (28A)	<p>Yuina is the daughter of Hideki Sasaki, a long time friend of Goro Ishikawa. Her father raised her alone, as her mother passed away in a car accident when she was only two years old. It's a story she tells pretty much anyone she meets.</p> <p>She knows of Yuuto and has heard that he is a wonderful person from her father. She then transferred to his school out of convenience since her father decided to move to a different city for his job.</p> <p>Sporting long black hair, Yuina is a musician who spends her days playing the flute. She also tries to spend more time with Yuuto, although the other two girls who constantly hang around him prove to be an obstacle for her.</p> <p>Spoiler 1:</p> <p>Spoiler 2:</p> <p>Spoiler 3:</p>

Side Characters

Character	Brief Biography
Goro Ishikawa	Father of Yuuto Ishikawa. He is the one who runs the family restaurant and is quite oblivious to his surroundings. He's slowly going bald and doesn't like to talk about it.
Aoi (maiden name: Maki) Ishikawa	Mother of Yuuto Ishikawa. She is also the one who arranged his marriage with Hanae Tsukuda with one of her friends many years ago, during the summer that they visited the city to which they moved. Her husband and son were both left in the dark about this.
Hideki Sasaki	Single father of Yuina Sasaki. He has not remarried since his wife passed away from a car accident. An old friend of Goro Ishikawa from their university days.

Nori Chino	Yuuto Ishikawa's best friend. Also the class (and by association, the school) pervert otaku. He acknowledges that he needs to get his priorities straight, but never "gets around to doing so."
Azusa Adachi	The teacher for Yuuto Ishikawa's class (class 1-C). She's single despite being 29 years old (something she rants about a lot when drunk) and somehow manages to sneak alcohol into the classroom. Occasionally gets drunk before class starts and starts a rant instead of teaching at all. Sayaka Hamasaki constantly lectures her for her failure to be...well...a good teacher. She hasn't been reported to the authorities as of yet, despite her drinking habits.
Minori (maiden name: Aino) Tsukuda	Mother of Hanae Tsukuda, and a close friend of Aoi Ishikawa. She had Aoi arranged their children's marriage. She immediately informed Hanae of the plan, unlike Aoi who forgot to tell anyone.
Kaho Sakata	Sayaka Hamasaki's best friend. She's a little snobbish, and though her family is not nearly as rich as Sayaka's, the two families are quite close, resulting in the two kids being together since childhood. She's also a redhead, so that's a thing. I mean she has red hair, by the way. Context, people.
Julia (maiden name: Wilson) Hamasaki	Sayaka Hamasaki's mother, and the daughter of a rich American businessman. Her daughter shares her blonde hair and blue eyes. She is desperate for her daughter to find a boyfriend, and she's surprisingly nice, even to the poor (her husband was not very wealthy when they married, but he later became much more successful, hence why they are both quite respectful even to the average person). Unlike her daughter, she doesn't give off the air of a stuck-up noble. However, she admits that it was also a problem for her as a child, and that it was difficult for her to overcome.
Kenji Hamasaki	Sayaka Hamasaki's father. Born to a middle-class businessman, he went to university in America where he met the woman who would later become his wife. Soon after they married, he got a job at a world-renowned company and later became its CEO. The amount of money he made boosted his social class and now he is considered a member of the aristocracy (the social elite).

Genres

- Rom-com
- School life
- Slice of Life

Rating

This is rated 16+ for the following reasons (and perhaps some other ones not listed here):

- Adult humor (sex jokes/puns, innuendos, etc.)
- Coarse language (potentially excessive)
- Other stupid shenanigans

Beach Attire

Yes, I actually need to keep track of this. Don't judge me.

Character	Attire Summary
Yuuto Ishikawa	Black swim shorts. Light blue button-up shirt with a pair of chest pockets. Usually unbuttoned. Black sunglasses.
Hanae Tsukuda	Pink (to match her hair) string bikini. It's just pink, that's about it. Has been criticized for her outfit being too revealing for school trip. Sometimes wears a white off-the-shoulder crop top with zipper (which is, funny enough, unzipped) on top of her swimsuit.
Sayaka Hamasaki	Flounce bikini. Bright red with yellow (artificial) flower stitched onto the bottom piece by the right side of hip. Straight at the bottom of the flounce bikini top's cover (does not have extending fabric forming a V shape at center front) and has a regular bikini top underneath the covering cloth.
Yuina Sasaki	White bandeaukini, sunglasses with white frames. That's actually it. There's nothing special about it.
Nori Chino	Plaid (red & white) swim trunks. That's it. Oh, and a waterproof camera (^◡^)