

Agnes

Agnes is soon to marry. She is young and inexperienced; she has lived in Auldearn her whole life. She went to school in her village. She occasionally makes trips to nearby towns, but otherwise she spends most of her life at home. She is content. She has everything she needs here, where everything is familiar and with no big surprises.

Martin, Agnes' fiancé, is also from Auldearn. He is a nice boy, hardworking and kind. He loves Agnes. Agnes has never been with another boy, but she truly loves Martin and wants to marry him. The wedding is tomorrow.

Because Agnes doesn't have much experience and because she is truly in love, she doesn't look for problems in Martin. If there are any, it is possible she doesn't know them or doesn't want to know about them (all that is rather subconscious; she is in love).

The evening before the wedding, four of Agnes' childhood friends come for a small party with her closest ones. Each means something in Agnes' life. The girls represent what Agnes has never experienced; they symbolize dreams come true and success. Agnes sees them as witnesses to what real life looks like.

All four were born in Auldearn, but now live abroad with their partners.

Other Characters

Agnes loves her friends and is very excited to see them. They haven't seen each other in a very long time, so she is a little nervous about how the party will go and what will they talk about.

Jessica

She has always wanted to have a big family. At present, she is married and lives in Italy. She has a husband and a big family there, just as she wanted; in fact, she is pregnant again (with baby No. 4!).

Mary

She is a good girl; people know her as everyone's quiet darling, always with a smile on her face. Mary has always been searching for true love; she wanted a man who knows what he wants and whom she could rely on. Now, she and her husband live in Spain.

Josie

Josie has always been focused on success; she has been pursuing a career in fashion design since she was young. Originally, Josie was a man, but she had had an operation and became a woman. She and Agnes were always close friends and they held no secrets from each other. She is also doing well; she lives with a boyfriend in Paris and she even has her own fashion design studio there.

Carla

Carla was always straightforward and impertinent in school; sometimes, she was even a little rough and took Agnes' lunches. Some of her ways followed her into adulthood and Carla still can't behave properly. Despite that, Agnes likes her for her honesty and simple style of thinking (Carla has never been too complicated). Right after Carla finished school, her parents sent her to Germany where she later found her husband. She has always been able to take care of herself and she was not afraid of telling other people what to do. Carla always cared about not being poor and it seems it worked out for her well.

The TV Series

A new TV series called Don Juan has recently become popular; all Agnes' friends watch it (it runs in Germany, Spain, Italy and France). However, it does not run in Scotland, so Agnes is unfamiliar with it.