

## **Carla**

Carla is one of Agnes' friends. They have known each other since attending the primary school they frequented in their village, Auldearn at the Highland foothills. Carla has always been rough, tough and crude; she used to take Agnes' lunches at school. Although Carla is a little like a tornado, she and Agnes have since become and remain good friends.

Carla is a unrefined woman; she does not bother to make herself pretty and she does not bother to act with deference and tact. She is a blunt, loud, country girl. She doesn't apologize for this. She looks for simple explanations to the everyday problems of life. People around her may perhaps find her unpleasant or offensive, but Carla doesn't notice, doesn't care, or both.

Agnes is getting married tomorrow and four of her childhood friends arrive today. Today is the last evening before the wedding when they can talk before Agnes will be married to Martin. Carla lives in Germany where parents sent her for an advantageous job opportunity at a local farmers' cooperative.

It was in Germany that she found her husband Hans Wurst. Their whole relationship started pretty much because of their apparent financial compatibility. Hans was promising a secure and stable home environment. Despite growing up disdaining education and sophisticated behavior, Carla comes from a fairly rich and well-established family, so she couldn't imagine marrying poor. Hans Wurst is no Don Juan, but he is able to provide for Carla and their household in the manner with which she is accustomed. Furthermore, as Hans chose Carla instead of another, he most likely wants her. But since marrying, he doesn't say or seem to show it much, if at all. Carla was never too fond of dashing, handsome men and romantic gestures, but she does find his inability to directly say or show he loves her in a way she understands unsatisfying.

She wishes for Agnes a husband different than Hans. Carla would like to warn Agnes that at the end of the day, all men want are simple, disgusting things; they lack consideration of others and this will come out.

## **Other Characters**

In reality, Carla came mainly to see Agnes; her relationship with the other girls is not at its best; at least she doesn't know what to expect of them.

## **Agnes**

Agnes is getting married tomorrow, she is naive and inexperienced. Carla is worried about her. Agnes doesn't know the world and men and she is as naive as Carla was when her parents first sent her to Germany. Carla doesn't want Agnes to have exaggerated expectations of her husband.

**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!). She is a little snooty and she still thinks she's something more than other people... Such a "hoity-toity city lady"...

**Mary**

She is a good girl; people know her as everyone's perfect 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. She is a little too soft, she's all sugar and honey to everyone; no wonder people take advantage of her.

**Josie**

Josie is a fashion designer in Paris, so she really managed to make all of her childhood dreams come true. She is a nice and ambitious girl. She was born male but handled the transition well - you have known her since her young days, but she was already a woman back then.

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**The TV Series**

There is a TV series running in Germany. It's called Don Juan and Carla likes to watch it. It is a big hit; a romantic show about love and betrayal.

Don Juan is a charming handsome man who can get any woman he sets his eyes on. However, he never truly loves any of his conquests and he only takes advantage of everything the naive girls do for him.

Previously on the show:

Don Juan has been caught in Don Carlos' house with Don Carlos' wife. Don Carlos attempted to kill Don Juan, but Don Juan won the swordfight and killed Don Carlos. Subsequently, he fled and left Rosalia, Don Carlos' wife, alone and widowed.

- Poor Rosalia ended up a fool by Don Juan. She thought her husband boring and hoped her life might improve with Don Juan, but oh how wrong she was. All men prove to be the same in the end; there is always a catch. There are no perfect men in the world and only a most naive woman would think otherwise.