

# ANASTASIA

## Character Breakdown

Anya – Roughly 20-30 years old, Female identifying. Anya is a survivor. She has lived through famine, economic depression, and the rise of a communist regime. Little does she know that she also narrowly avoided assassination with the rest of her family at age 17. She has walked over a thousand miles by foot to piece together her memories in Paris. She doesn't know who she is or where she came from, and she will not rest until she has answers. She is sassy and spunky, but very kind and warm to those who treat her well. She knows how to stand up for herself, and enjoys pushing Dmitry's buttons. Her super-objective is to uncover who she was in the past so that she can know who she is in the present. She puts up a tough exterior most of the time, but deep down she still faces the fear of uncertainty and doubt. But she powers through it and does not let it get the best of her. She is strong and brave.

Dmitry – Roughly 20-30, Male identifying. Dmitry is a con-man with heart. He has lived through rough times and learned how to cheat in order to scrape by. He grew up on the streets, and knows how to fight for survival. He has a tough exterior, but deep down he has a big heart, and an even bigger ego. He does not like to be seen as weak or vulnerable, and tries to remain in control of whatever situations he finds himself in. As his feelings for Anya grow, we see a more vulnerable and open side of Dmitry. He is snarky and cocky, but lovable. He has never experienced the intimacy and connection he feels for Anya with another person before, and it challenges him. He has no expectations to rise above his class, even if he earns the reward money. He is settled in to his lifestyle of slumming it. There has never been an opportunity in his life to make money or escape his circumstances honestly, so he has adapted for survival.

Vlad – Roughly 30-45, Male identifying. Ex noble who is scraping by with Dmitry. He is kind, sarcastic, and playful. He is very fond and protective of Anya and Dmitry. Initially, Anya is just a means of earning a great amount of money, but as she opens up to him, he becomes interested in helping her find a happy life. He is not afraid to lie, steal, or cheat in order to accomplish his goals. Though he may not be the most honest person, he does have a big heart and cares deeply for those close to him. He loves Lily. His feelings for her are partially motivated by selfish concerns, and takes advantage of her position to help him get what he wants financially, but his feelings for her are real, even if he might love wealth and material possessions even more.

Gleb – Roughly 25-35, Male identifying. Gleb is a soviet officer who believes in the hope for a new Russia following the revolution. He is proud to be a leader of the revolution and has firm beliefs in Soviet Russia. His father assassinated the Romanovs, and he feels a strong sense of duty to honor his father and follow in his footsteps. He has a soft spot for Anya. He wants to protect her and love her, but his orders and the responsibility passed down from his father creates an inner conflict. He is torn between his head and his heart. He is a soldier, so he feels the pressure follow orders and not to be weak. But when he looks into her eyes, he sees an innocent girl, and he can't bring himself to harm her. She challenges his beliefs and values, and forces him to expand his world view.

Dowager Empress – Roughly 50+, Female identifying. The Dowager Empress, Maria Feodorovna has lost her entire family and her homeland. She is in mourning, and has been for a

decade. She loved Anastasia with her whole heart, and for the longest time, she wanted to believe she had somehow survived. However, after years of imposters trying to take advantage of her tragedy, and having her heart broken again and again, she has hardened, and rejected the possibility of her survival. It hurts too much to hope. It's easier to accept her loss than be disappointed over and over again. She has adopted a very harsh and pessimistic world view after so much has been taken from her. She lives a resigned joyless life until she is reunited with her granddaughter.

Lily – Roughly 25-45, Female identifying. Lily is the Dowager Empress's lady in waiting. She used to live in the palace with the royals prior to the revolution. She cares deeply for the Empress. She shares an intimate relationship with her and gets to see a side of her that no one else gets to see. She takes her responsibility towards the Empress very seriously, and takes pride in her position. She is snarky and spunky.

Young Anastasia – Roughly 8-12, Female identifying. A young princess who loves her grandmother very much. She lives a regal and privileged life in the palace with her royal family. She is sweet and openhearted.