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Couples in search of a new understanding

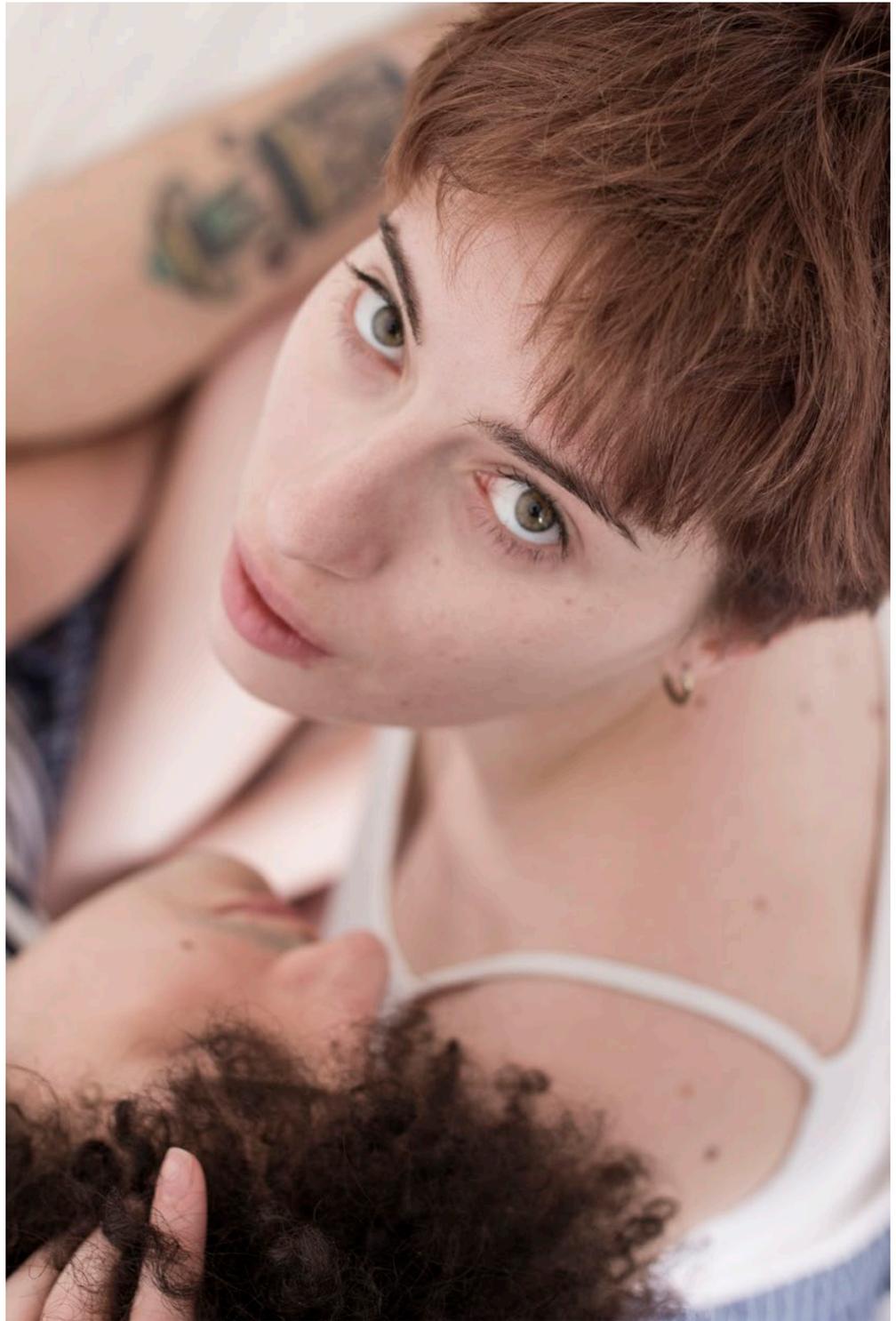
“It is better to fear things than be bored by them, and life without love is a long boredom.”
(Hanif Kureishi, *Intimacy*)

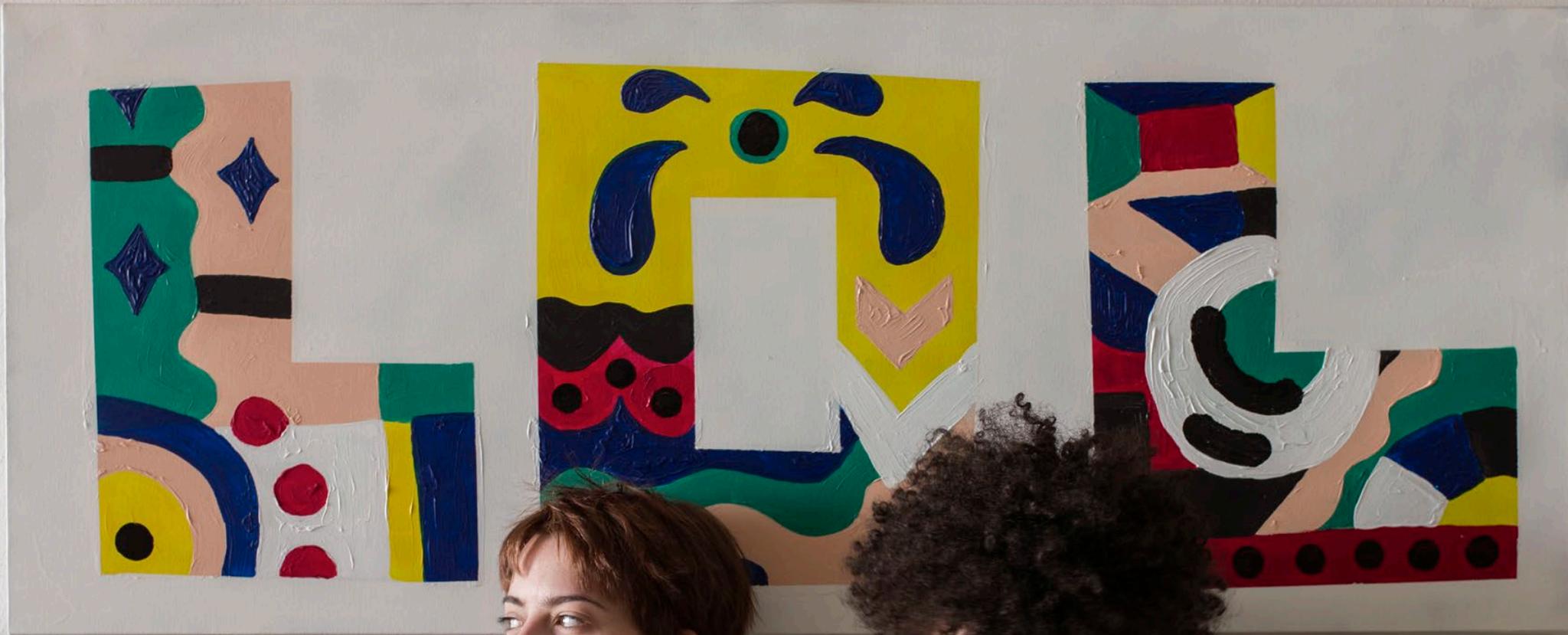
Ten couples of various ages, social backgrounds and lifestyles but with one thing in common: over the course of these months of the coronavirus emergency, their relationships, whether long-distance or claustrophobic forced cohabitation, have inevitably been transformed.

Tensions, longings, fears and anxieties for children and for the future, old frictions overcome, new misunderstandings, boredom, finding time to dedicate to shared or individual passions and, for everyone the unique opportunity to grow, both individually and as a couple. Relationships that have been permanently changed now return to normality and to social life.

An extraordinary collective depiction of couples' relationships in the time of coronavirus. Ten stories and ten journeys that illustrate, with the utmost spontaneity, the essence of relationships that have been reimagined, shattered, rebuilt or simply left to take new shape.

“What do any of us really know about love? [...] It seems to me we're just beginners at love.”
(Raymond Carver)







Giorgia (aged 23) and Marco (aged 25)

Bologna

Having both lived away from home since they were 18 Giorgia, a fashion copywriter, and web designer Marco have been together for a year and a half. Giorgia and Marco, thanks to time being effectively on hold during the lockdown period, have managed to let go of past dynamics and ended up revealing things that they had never managed to say to each other. They've spent this period reflecting, clearing up past grievances and spending entire days talking in their room, something that hadn't happened for some time.





Angela (aged 42) and Alessandro (aged 45)

Ravenna

Angela runs a bookshop and Alessandro is an artist. They live in a large house together with 22-month-old Ettore and are expecting their second child. Being forced to spend time together has revealed some selfish habits that appear hard to break.



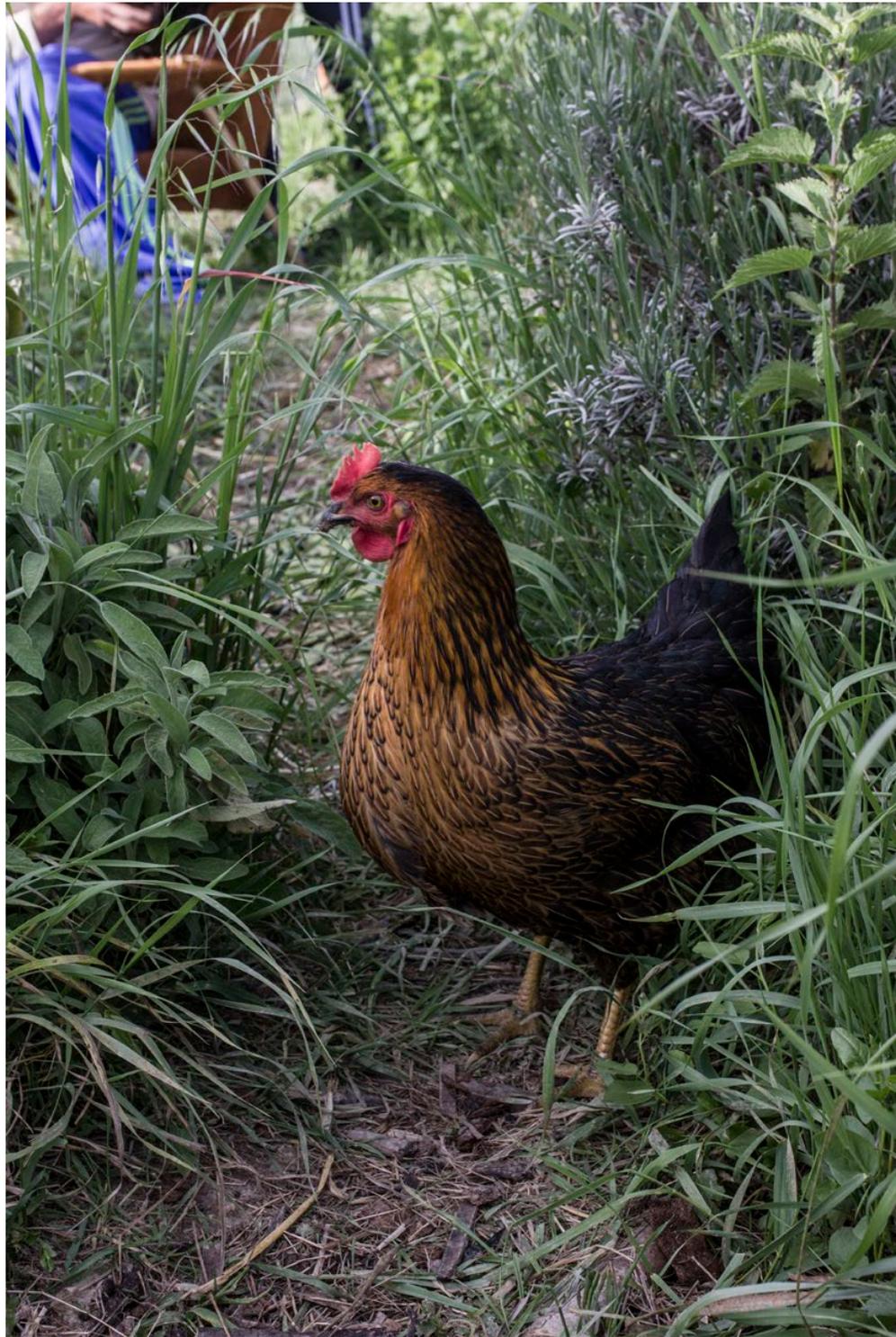


Fabio (aged 42) Valeria (aged 29)

Bologna

Valeria works in Versailles, Fabio in Bologna. During the lockdown, they decided to leave Skype switched on all the time, day and night, even when they were doing other things. They wanted to feel closer to one another, to feel each other's presence in spite of being apart, reading books in silence, having dinner together or watching a film.







Fabio (aged 40) and Stephanie (aged 37)

Cesenatico, Forlì-Cesena

Fabio is a cook and musician, Stephanie is a translator. They live in the countryside and admit that they have been living a quarantine-style existence for a long time anyway. The hardest days of the pandemic haven't had much effect on their habits; actually, they've had more time to dedicate to their vegetable garden and their passions. They've chosen a simple life close to nature and the enforced lockdown hasn't had an effect on their relationship.





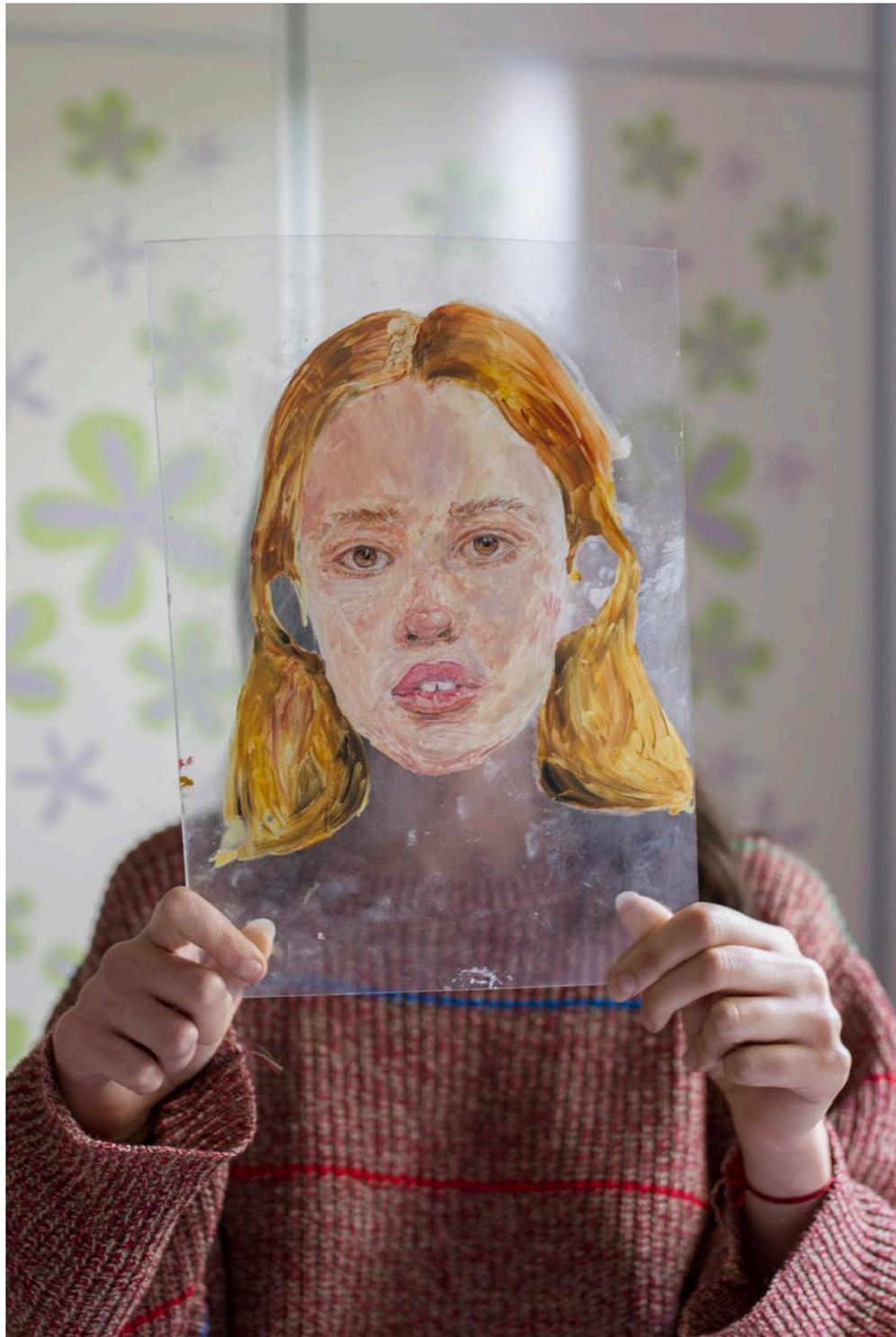


Paolo (aged 43) and Chiara (aged 39)

Borgo delle Rose, Cesena

Married for less than a year, Paolo and Chiara live in the hills above Cesena. During the lockdown period they experienced a three-week separation, while continuing to live in the same house because Paolo had developed symptoms of Covid-19 and had to self-isolate.









Gilda (aged 23) and Eugenio (aged 20)

Savignano sul Rubicone, Forlì-Cesena and Igea Marina, Rimini

Gilda and Eugenio have been living together for six months, but when the lockdown was enforced, both were staying at their parents, and there they remained, even though they are separated by just a few kilometres. They weren't able to manage their relationship through technology so there have been some misunderstandings and arguments, also due to the form of communication. The end of the lockdown allowed them to get back together and everything returned to normal. What Gilda missed most were the long chats and the lack of interaction with people her own age, Eugenio, on the other hand, although living in a smaller house and in a more delicate situation, was able to talk with his sister who is more or less his age.



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SI SCRIVONO CON CQU.

1 Leggi e completa con cqu.

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ACQUA HA UNA GRANDE FAMIGLIA:

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C'È MAMMA A CQUE AMARINA

C'È LA ZIA A CQUE LOLINA

C'È LO ZIO A CQUE TRINO

CI SONO I CUGINI A CQUE REBELLI...

◊ CHI SONO I CUGINI DI ACOUA?
GLI ACOQUE REBELLI



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1 Completa con cuo.

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A FORMA DI _____ RE. MA HANNO

SPAGLIATO GLI INGREDIENTI.

CHE PASTICCIO!

2 Rispondi alla domanda.

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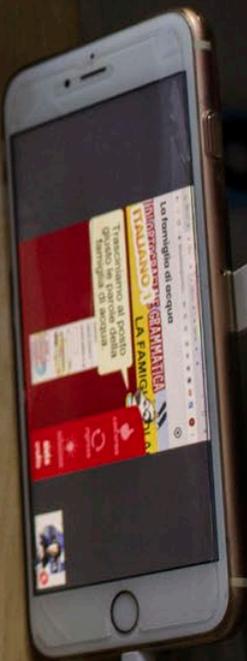
3 Osserva i disegni e risolvili indovinelli.

◊ SI USA PER FARE LE SCARPE.

◊ BATTE FORTE E FA BUM BUM.

◊ LAVORA IN CUCCIA

...TORNII.





Chiara (aged 38) and Alessandro (aged 39)

San Lazzaro di Savena, Bologna

Giulio, aged 7, is a demanding child. It hasn't been easy for his parents Alessandro and Chiara to keep him occupied without school. The couple's relationship has been tested and has effectively taken a back seat while they have focussed on their roles as parents.







Gianluca (aged 35) and Irene (aged 31)

Bologna

Gianluca is a musician and teaches music at elementary school, Irene is an architect. They had never spent so much time in each other's company before the enforced lockdown. The situation has benefited their relationship and their work: Gianluca has written a new record and Irene has spent her time on new projects. Days are punctuated by work commitments as well as time dedicated to their relationship, which before had not been possible. Even in the toughest moments of the quarantine they have never had any upsets, in fact, it has been an opportunity to focus more time on their life as a couple.







Matteo (aged 46) and Matilde (aged 25)

Bologna

March 25, Matilde's birthday was at the height of the lockdown. Matteo left Cervia to be with her in Bologna, even risking a fine in the process. He stayed and now they live together. They hadn't seen each other for four months because Matteo had been in the north of Thailand studying massage techniques. They spent almost all of the quarantine together, both really feeling the loss of their liberty and the lack of their own space. Now that it's all over, they're happy that they managed to put up with each other.

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