



**- ITALY'S ROLE-PLAY -**

**CHRISTMAS IS SERVED!**

**1° SCENE:** 8<sup>th</sup> December. Getting the Christmas tree ready and putting up the Nativity set.

**Characters:**

Father: Roberto Usai

Mother: Laura Ortu

Grandmother: Marzia Olla

Grandfather: Edoardo Sedda

daughter : Fabiola Corona

son : Alessandra Congiu

daughter : Giada Porcu

**Setting:**

the living room of a typical Italian family.

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*It's the 8th of December, early morning, grandpa and grandma are already awake and they are sitting on the sofa. Grandpa is reading the sport news and watching tv while grandma is knitting a scarf. Mother gets up, still yawning greets grandpa and grandma. She looks at the date on the calendar: the 8<sup>th</sup> of December and she calls the rest of the family; they have to start making the Christmas tree and the Nativity set that day, this is the Italian tradition. The children are thrilled. The father doesn't want to be bothered about it.*

**Mother:** Good morning grandpa and grandma! How are you today?

**Grandpa & grandma:** Good morning!

**Mother:** Come on kids! Wake up! Today is 8th December. Let's get the Christmas tree ready!

*The kids enter the scene screaming, the father finally gets up..*

**Daughter 1:** Morning ... Hey daddy! Come on, help us a little and get the Christmas tree!

**Father:** Ok, ok...just a minute. Good morning everybody!

**everybody:** Good Morning!

*The father takes the tree and carries it very slowly. Then he sits next to grandpa and starts reading the newspaper and watches the TV.*

**Son:** Mum where are the Christmas balls?

**Mother:** Oh, let's have a look here! Yes, here they are!

**Daughter:** And I take the Nativity set, the little child, the father, the Madonna and all the animals!

*The kids put the coloured balls on the tree. Everyone wants to put the balls their own way so they start quarrelling.*

**Daughter:** I think we should put these red balls first and then the gold and blue ones...

**Daughter:** No! these colours don't match together!



**Son:** Let's change for this year and put only the blue ones!

**Mummy:** Oh kids please! can you work together without arguing all the time?

**Father:** Darling, can I have a cup of coffee, please?

**Mother:** Okay, but ... Why don't you to help us?

**Father:** Okay, I'll come in a minute! I'm just finishing watching this interesting football match. Don't you see, darling? It's the final match Inter-Roma!

*Meanwhile grandpa and grandma are looking at the kids and talking about the past Christmas nights at home*

**Grandfather:** Who is coming for the Christmas' eve this year? Are they going to prepare lots of meals? This year I'm going to cook the pork and the lamb my way..

**Grandmother:** Edoardo, what are you talking about? You are always complaining! We are old now, let them prepare the meals their own way.

*Grandfather stands up and looks at kids and the tree.*

**Grandfather:** Why did you put the red ball near the green one? Don't you see the gold one is better?

**Grandmother:** Oh Edoardo ... Let the kids getting the tree ready!

*The kids fight each other and run in front of the tv screaming. Dad and grandpa get nervous*

**Father:** Honey where is my coffee, please? is it ready?

**Mother:** Your coffee is here honey! Stand up and take it! I'm tidying up!

*Grandma congratulates with the kids for their work with the Christmas tree and the Nativity scene. she gives them some sweets.*

**Grandmother:** Great job kids!

**II° SCENE:** 24th December: Christmas' eve dinner.

Characters:

Father: Roberto Usai

Mother: Laura Ortu

Grandmother: Marzia Olla

Grandfather: Edoardo Sedda

daughter : Fabiola Corona

son : Alessandra Congiu

daughter : Giada Porcu

uncle: Ilaria Farris

aunt: Eleonora Zucca

cousin: Maria Giulia Frau

neighbour: Alice Muscas

Sign for the 24th December.



*Everybody is involved preparing the big meal for the 24th of December*

**Aunt:** Let us work, we have to finish preparing the meal! Where is the pasta? It's late! The men are still watching tv...is the fire ready for the meat?

*The men (grandpa, father, uncle) don't want to be bothered but they know they have to cook the meat.*

**Uncle, Grandfather and Father:** Mmm... Okay, okay ... Let's cook the meat!

*But they're still watching tv and talking about the last football match..*

*The bell rings and the neighbour comes in.*

**Neighbour:** Hello everybody! I've brought a big pot of lasagne!

**Everybody:** Hello!

**Neighbour:** Come on kids, let's set the table!

*The women are in the kitchen cooking and talking about recipes and gossips. The men are cooking the lamb by the fireplace.*

**Grandmother:** Can I help you?

**Aunt:** Can you do this for me? Help me with the salad, please. I'm going to put the dishes on the table.

*The kids stop playing and sit down waiting for the first dish. Everybody sit down. The lamb is ready.*

*The kids can't wait to be served.*

**Children:** Me .. me!

**Uncle:** Please, children! Quiet and sit down. You'll be served soon!

**Mother:** The Spaghetti and Lasagne are ready!

*Everybody start eating*

**Cousin:** Mmm ... they are delicious!

**Son:** Yes, it's true! I want more, please can I have more?

**Father:** would you like some meat? it's so tasty! I've spent three hours cooking it! You have to congratulate to me, darling!

**Mother:** Well, I start cooking this morning, darling, and I think nobody is going to offer any congratulations to me!

*It's nearly midnight. Grandpa leaves the room and puts on Santa Claus clothes.*

**Aunt:** It's nearly midnight!

**Father:** (to the kids) Santa Klaus is coming!

Grandpa enters with a bag full of presents. The kids, very excited, jump on top of their grandpa. He falls down. Everybody is laughing. The kids open the bag and take presents.

**Son:** Oh look, an MP3, it's beautiful! Thank you!

**Daughter:** this shirt is so cute, thank you very much!

**Grandmother:** help your grandpa now, my kids ...

Everybody wishes Merry Christmas

:Merry Christmas!!