

Arms and the Man Characters

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Major Characters:

Captain Bluntschli: Captain Bluntschli is a Swiss mercenary soldier. He fights in the war but does not have the usual soldier's courage. He is practical and smart and prefers to save his life instead of being a hero. He runs away from the battlefield with a suitcase full of chocolates.

Raina Petkoff: Raina is the young and beautiful heroine of the play. At first, she believes in the romantic ideas of love and heroism. She is in love with a soldier, but later she learns the truth about love and war. Raina's character changes from an innocent girl to a more realistic and understanding woman.

Sergius Saranoff: Sergius is Raina's fiancé. He is a brave but somewhat foolish officer in the Bulgarian army. At first, he seems like a true hero, but he also shows weaknesses. He falls in love with Louka, and his character is shown to be a bit dramatic and full of pride. He struggles with his own feelings about love and honor.

Louka: Louka is a maid in the Petkoff household. She is smart and confident and knows how to get what she wants. She has big dreams and does not want to stay in a low position. Louka falls in love with Sergius and works hard to make him notice her. Her character is strong-willed, and she represents the desire for social mobility.

Minor Characters:

Catherine Petkoff: Catherine is Raina's mother. She is a practical woman who loves her daughter but also cares deeply about social status. Catherine is concerned with keeping up appearances. She often behaves in a proper, conservative manner.

Nicola: Nicola is Louka's fiancé and works as a servant. He is practical and serious. While Louka dreams of rising in society, Nicola is content with his role. He believes in steady and hardworking progress. He is calm and a realist, providing a contrast to Louka's ambition.

Major Paul Petkoff: Major Paul Petkoff is Raina's father. He is a high-ranking officer in the Bulgarian army. Major Petkoff is a typical soldier who values honor and military status. However, he is also somewhat naïve and unaware of the true nature of war.