

Survivor: Illyria Character Descriptions

Viola/Cesario: A young woman who disguises herself as a man after being rescued from a shipwreck. She calls herself Cesario, but her real name is Viola. She wants to work for Orsino and eventually falls in love with him. In disguise, she looks just like Sebastian.

Olivia: A noble woman of Illyria. Her father and brother have died, leaving her in charge of the estate. She says she is in mourning and won't see any visitors, particularly Orsino, who is in love with her. Eventually, she falls in love with Cesario.

Maria: Olivia's waiting-gentlewoman. She conspires with Sir Toby and Sir Andrew against Malvolio. She's quite fond of Sir Toby.

Sir Toby Belch: A drunken nobleman, related to Olivia. Olivia tolerates him and lets him live at her estate, but he's not her favorite person. Sir Andrew Aguecheek is his friend. Malvolio's self-importance annoys him.

Sir Andrew Aguecheek: A friend of Sir Toby's. He thinks he stands a chance of marrying Olivia if he plays his cards right.

Malvolio: The head steward of Olivia's household. He believes he is better than many of those around him and thinks he receives a love letter from Olivia. The letter tells him to smile when he's near Olivia and to wear yellow stockings.

Feste: Olivia's jester. He must keep his masters entertained with jokes and puns. He suspects that not everything is as it seems in Illyria.

Fabian: A gentleman in Olivia's household. He assists with household jokes and plots.



Orsino: The duke of Illyria. He is a high ranking nobleman who seeks to woo Olivia, but she won't have anything to do with him. He depends on Cesario to convince Olivia to love him.

Sebastian: A nobleman by birth. He owes his life to Antonio for rescuing him after a shipwreck. He looks just like Cesario.

Antonio: A pirate. He's wanted for arrest by Orsino and his men for an old naval battle. He rescued Sebastian from a shipwreck and feels very protective towards him.

Captain: A sea-captain who rescues Viola from a shipwreck. He helps her disguise herself as a young man named Cesario and gets her a job working for Orsino.

Use the characters below if necessary:

Valentine: One of Orsino's men. He recognizes Antonio as a pirate.

Curio: One of Orsino's men. He recognizes Antonio as a pirate.

Priest: He's sent for to marry various characters.

Officers, sailors, and lords can be added to this mix to round out your numbers. Be judicious with how much knowledge they are given. Most of them should be from Orsino's entourage, or part of Olivia's household. Nobody should know the true identity of Cesario, or of the connection between Cesario/Viola and Sebastian.