





This wonderfully odd suspense series, written by Jani Volanen, was a true pleasure to direct. At its heart is the story of sixteen-year-old Nina and Lola, who become inseparable for one summer in the 1980s — until Lola suddenly disappears. When her belongings are later found in the nearby woods, Nina begins to look back on their friendship, realizing how something in Lola shifted as the summer drew to an end. She grew distant, reckless — as if touched by a secret no one else could see. Over eight episodes, fragments of her story are revealed through the eyes of four teenagers, each of whom knew Lola in a different way.

The series moves fluidly between family drama, suspense, and mystery. There is something simmering beneath the surface, something just out of reach. The young characters live in a world they do not share with their parents – a world of friendship, desire, and rebellion. But the adults carry shadows: unspoken traumas, silences, and an inability to connect. This is a story of generational divides – the long echo of the Second World War, the burdens and legacies passed down, often with destructive consequences.

At the same time, the late 1980s setting marks the end of an era for the teenagers of the series – the end of childhood and innocence. Girls become women, discovering love, testing power, and confronting betrayal. Their deepest emotions are hidden from their parents, just as their growing fear for Lola remains unheard. What begins as a search for a missing girl slowly transforms into something else entirely – a journey that uncovers truths darker than anyone could have imagined.

The series reminds me of my own teenage years in the late 1980s. For me, this story captures both the lightness and intensity of youth: the friendships, parties, first loves, and whispered secrets of one unforgettable summer – and the shadow that lingers once it is over.

## Saara Saarela Director



### Series Overview

In the beginning of a summer in the late 1980s, a new mysterious girl arrives in Munkkivuori, a quiet neighborhood of Helsinki. Lola, 16, quickly shakes up the local teen cliques. Having fled her substance-abusing uncle from a rough suburb nearby, she is an outsider – poor, untamed, and mysterious. Both fascinating and disruptive, she draws the group into her orbit.

Lola soon bonds with Nina, who convinces her family to take Lola in to live with them. Together, the girls live their dream summer: endless nights, parties, tanning in the sun, and saving money for a trip they swear they'll take. But Lola is hiding something – a secret job she won't talk about. When she comes between Nina and her boyfriend Pete, the friendship cracks. And then Lola disappears.

At first, everyone believes Lola has run away with the local rock band, just as she dreamed. But when autumn comes, Pete accidentally stumbles upon her clothes and wallet abandoned deep in the forest. The adults refuse to believe it changes anything. But the teens know better. Something terrible has happened – and the truth is much closer, and far darker, than they could ever imagine.

The series is told across two distinct timelines: the summer in which Lola arrives, and the autumn following her mysterious disappearance. This dual structure builds suspense, as moments in the past and present constantly echo and reveal one another – keeping viewers hooked with unanswered questions and unexpected turn.





















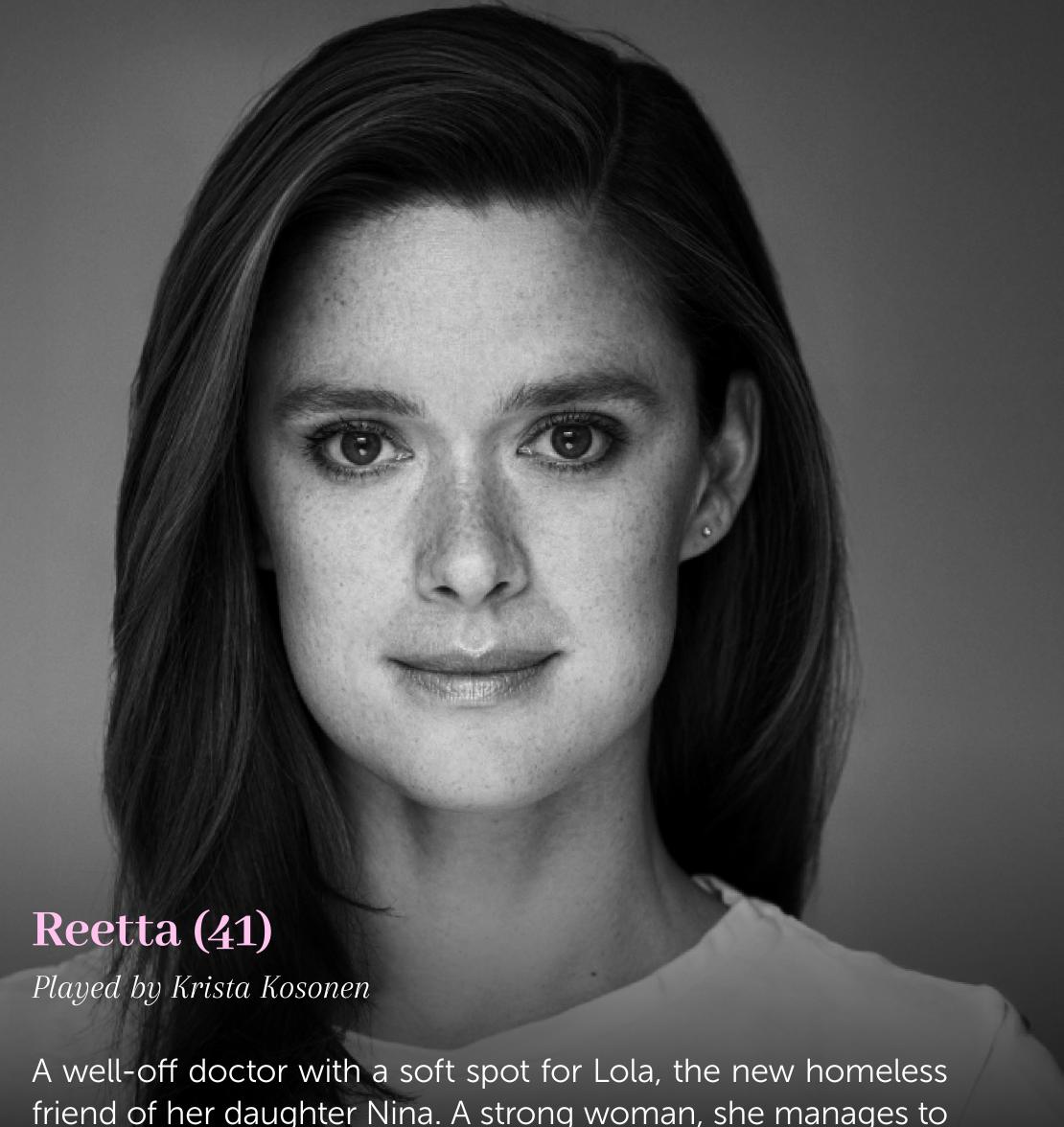




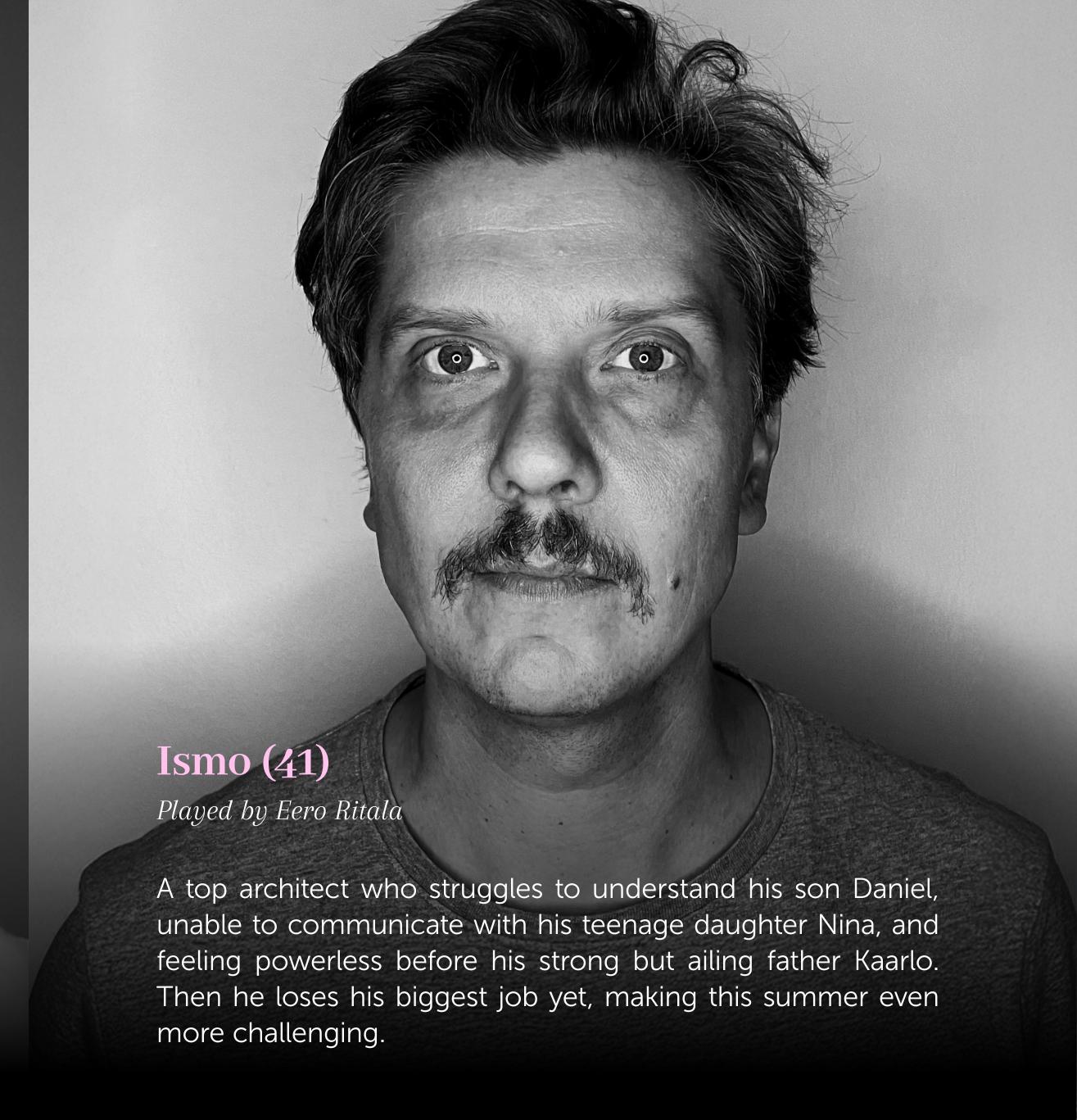
A runaway from a broken home. Lola is unpredictable – you can never quite tell if she's telling the truth. That air of mystery makes her captivating, drawing others to follow her. After arriving in Munkkivuoori, she quickly befriends Nina and ends up spending the summer living with her family.



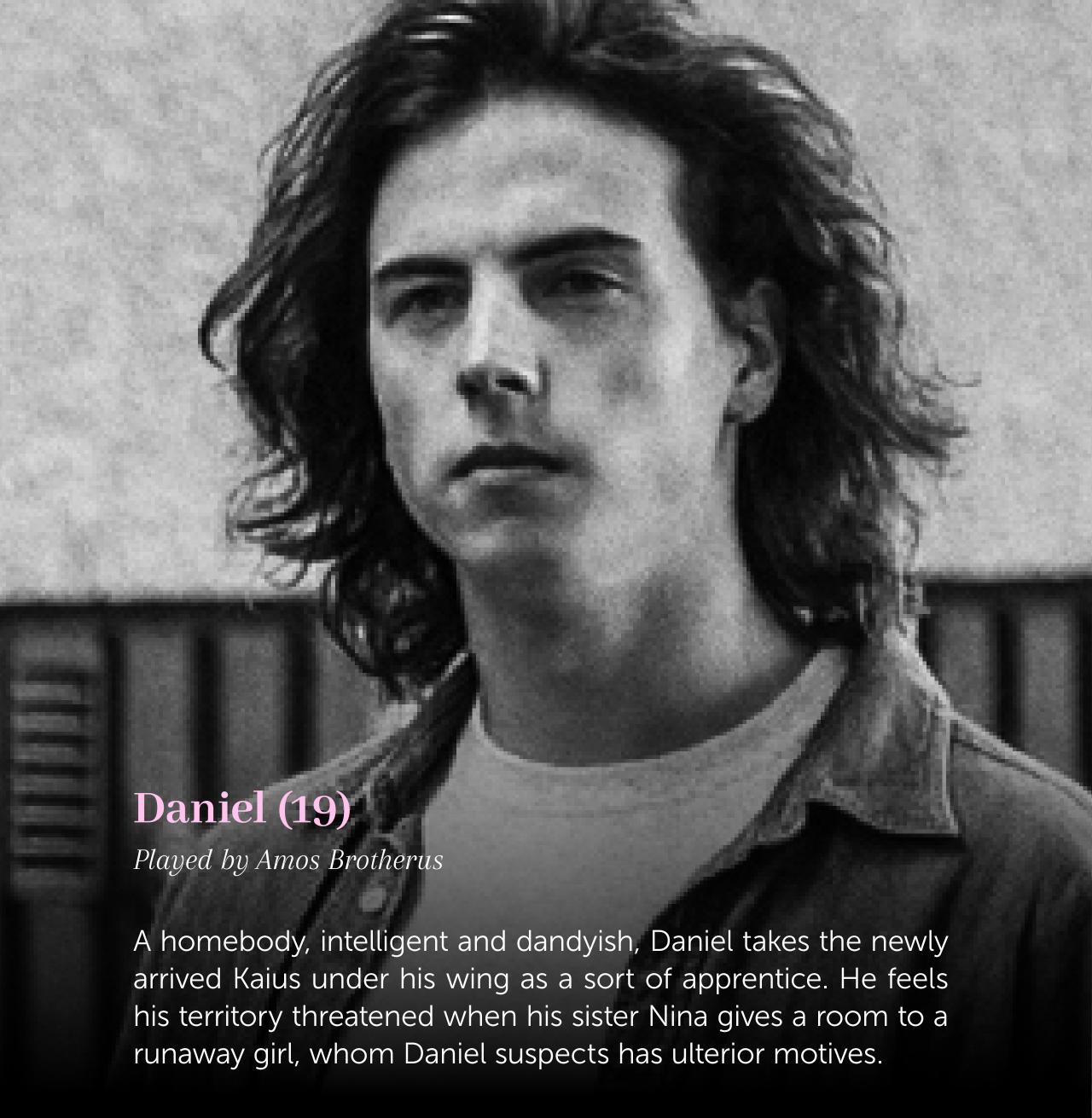
Nina's best friend, almost like a sister. Reliable, responsible and brave, Nina always stands up for Lola – until she discovers Lola's true nature.



A well-off doctor with a soft spot for Lola, the new homeless friend of her daughter Nina. A strong woman, she manages to handle her husband better than her father-in-law Kaarlo, who is showing early signs of dementia.







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