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I'm Riccardo, a 16-year-old boy from northern Italy. I live in a house in the countryside with my family: my mom, my dad and my sister.

My mom is from Poland and she moved here in order to live with my dad back in 2004. She currently works as a commission artist and she used to have a home-kindergarten where I really enjoyed helping... I still like to give her a hand with the house chores by vacuuming the floors, cooking, and tidying the rooms! I love her so much and I know I can always count on her.

My dad is Italian and he works as an IT engineer. He's currently on the path to healthiness: he does long walks, bike rides and he goes swimming with me every Tuesday! He loves travelling and discovering the world, in fact, we try to visit other countries or cities whenever we have the chance! At the moment I've been to Portugal, France, Switzerland, Poland, Greece, Romania, Ireland and England; Sweden is the next to go! My dad is very curious and wise, he's a real inspiration for me.

My sister is younger than me and sometimes she's a real pain in the back 😊 I really love her, though. My parents keep telling me how I always used to feed her and teach her stuff when she was younger. Even though we have different point of view sometimes, we enjoy each other's company and we like playing and talking together.

I also have a dog and a cat! My dog and I really like to play together, I also used to walk her every evening but now my dad does it. She always sleeps next to my bed!

My cat prefers being lonely even though she asks for cuddles from time to time.

Talking about myself, I'm currently attending the third year of high school, my main subjects being human sciences and economics. I wake up early in the morning since my school is in another city and the coach takes about 40 minutes. There I have a lot of friends who I really like to hang out with. At school I also participate in the drama club: theatre is one of my greatest passions, in fact, I've been acting since I was 7, and I've played in several shows and competitions!

Another passion of mine is drawing, not in a professional way, I just really like to express myself by doodling little characters, but people keep telling me that I'm really good at it; I probably inherited this talent from my mom.

I also really like listening to "old" rap music. I find it a very complicated and misunderstood genre that wants to communicate strong emotions in every word. My favourite artist is from Italy, his name is Caparezza and I can really

identify myself in his songs since we're both artsy, introverted, playful and curious.

Outside school I love hanging out with my friends! Here where I live we always move by bicycle since we like to wander through the countryside among the fields and farms. Sometimes we also go around the city, where we have to use our bikes too since all the shops and parks are distant from one another.

I also like meeting with my friends from school, but we all come from different cities so it is really hard to get organised, but at least my school's city is bigger and there are plenty of things to do!

I'm not the kind of person who likes clubbing or gigs, I prefer enjoying my time with groups of four or five people, just chatting, eating and discovering new things.

I'm not a really sporty person, but there are a couple of things I enjoy, like training at home, going swimming and taking bike rides.

My parents always considered the knowledge of English a very important thing, so I have a conversation with a mother tongue teacher every week.

Another important thing in my family is travelling. We try to visit cities here in Italy and around the world as often as possible, but it is not always possible since my parents work a lot. I would really like to explore and immerse myself in the Danish language and culture. Since it seems a very calm, well-educated and remarkably open-minded country I think I would find a sense of comfort and belonging in such an environment, and I'm hopeful that, in the future, I will be presented with the opportunity to pursue my studies at a Danish university!

This journey through the embracement of the Danish way of life is not just an academic pursuit, but a personal and enriching experience I'm looking forward to. It will surely deepen my horizons and knowledge of the world and broaden my independence as a person.

Thank you for your attention, hope to see you soon in Denmark!

Farvel!