

Cast In Order Of Appearance:

Announcer
Reporter
Chianina

SFX: opening TFC theme

ANNOUNCER : Cows from Italy in Queens, New York? Today we are talking to the Chianina.

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REPORTER : Wow! This is great - seeing a Chianina at the Festival of Virgil here in Queens.

CHIANINA : Well, of course I'm here. Virgil wrote **The Georgics** well before he wrote **The Aeneid**, that national epic poem about Rome and the glory of the Empire back in 20 BC or so.

REPORTER : And what are **The Georgics**?

CHIANINA : A collection of poems which taught about the art of husbandry, and husbandry, which as you well know, is the practice of cultivating the land and raising stock. Jeez- I thought everyone knew about **The Georgics** and husbandry.

REPORTER : Yeah, well, you wish the average pedestrian knew a bit more about where his food came from. But you'll have to forgive them for not reading poems in Latin on the subject. And this, of course, is where you come in.

CHIANINA : Absolutely! Virgil loved the Chianina cattle. We are one of the oldest breeds in existence and we are what he saw as a young man on the farm back in northern Italy.

REPORTER : I can see why you inspired him. You are quite beautiful. You have short white or steel grey hair -

CHIANINA : - and we have black pigmented skin on our muzzle and the switch at the end of our tail is also black. We are quite stylish. During Virgil's time we were used primarily as a draft animal so our muscular bodies and long legs also inspired the Roman sculptors.

REPORTER : And today? What brings you to Queens besides the festival?

CHIANINA : Ah, you know, the usual. Being large, with considerable length of leg - we have good action and heavy muscling. We're not hard to get along with, if you get my drift.

REPORTER : As long as I don't crowd you?

CHIANINA : Yeah, as long as you don't forget the respect we deserve as the bovine exalted by Virgil and the Romans and the family we have since become. It's all about family, as you may well know.

REPORTER : Ah yes, I know.

CHIANINA : Good. 'Cause I'd hate for you to forget that here at the Festival of Virgil that it's the Chianina that makes all the rules.

REPORTER : You do.

CHIANINA : We do.

REPORTER : I won't forget.

CHIANINA : Good. Enjoy your gelato. Carpe Lac Lactis!

REPORTER : What?

CHIANINA : Seize the milk.

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