

SO2 Description by David Rodriguez

E2 “Pride”

The passion of pride causes the prideful to believe that their place in the world is to be a very special person, someone very loved, essential or important. They think this condition is given to them by birth, not by their efforts or accomplishments, but they need constant confirmation that this is the case. The search for this reaffirmation is pursued trying to get continuous love expressions, admiration or that they are needed or valuable by others. To obtain these demonstrations of love, the use of seduction and the search for protagonism is habitual. The image they want to portray is to be someone who doesn't suffer, who gets everything they desire and practically have no limits, a person with no weaknesses and no needs.

Social

Social individuals have their focus on knowing their position in groups, they care about how others in that group perceive them and what their role is, there's a tendency to care a lot about their professional life and there's a desire to do something that will contribute to society, they want to leave a legacy.

SO2 “Ambition”

Pride in a social individual makes the person believe they are destined to great things, that their place in the world is to possess a great power and impact, there's a yearning for greatness, for conquest, to reach further than anyone has ever gone, they want to be admired and recognized. We use the word “Ambition” for this subtype.

Twos are seductive and so is the social subtype, but they are seducers of groups, it's someone who wants to reach to the very top, to occupy a position of power. It's a seduction that contrary to the other subtypes isn't as warm or affectionate, but they seduce with their confidence, their energy and their ability to mobilize people. Just as the sexual subtype has a sexualized and sensual appearance, and the conservation subtype has a childish and infantile appearance, the ambitious has an appearance of maturity, they look older than they are, prematurely they have adopted an image of a powerful adult.

In their childhood they were kids that grew up too early, they became mature and responsible. To people of this subtype we could say they were loaded with the weight of high expectations from a young age. It's common that they have received the message that they were special, that they were destined to great things in life, a message that once interiorized, drives the person now in adulthood to pursue this

greatness restlessly. It's also possible that this greatness has been experienced after having experienced the complete opposite scenario, the humiliation of not being someone, and that they reactively seek to feed their ego with great achievements. These elevated expectations placed them early into an adult role, it's not uncommon that they had to fulfill an expectation that wasn't appropriate for their age, having to be very mature or take responsibility for others, like inside the family unit. They went out to the world, with their early adulthood, to take the spotlight with premature success, which they usually pursue in their professional lives.

This character often fits well with the profile of a person who is "addicted to their work", it's in this aspect where ambition shows itself clearly, the E2 social will try to occupy positions of power, of great importance. It's not a humble nor a sensible character, there lies inside them a daring and self-assured attitude, that they are capable of doing anything. Their desire is to lead, to have power, and if another person has power it's likely that they won't respect their authority. Many times they manage to occupy powerful and demanding positions, not for having a previous formation or experience or real capacities, but for their boldness to apply for the position. They have a great enthusiasm, an inner force that drives them to sell a very attractive image of themselves and to manage to convince everyone that they are qualified for the job.

It's the type of person that throws flowers at themselves and brags about their achievements and abilities, this can make them surpass other people who might even be more qualified than them but lack their strong attitude and self-confidence. Their career finds no end, when they find themselves stuck in a business or a group and feel it's not possible to keep climbing the ranks, it's likely they would prefer to abandon the place, that they lose interest and start again in a new circle where they can keep climbing up to the top. It's not unlikely for the E2 social to start projects that are beyond their capabilities for their great difficulty they have with perceiving their own limits, but then they won't admit that it's too big for them to handle as that would mean surrendering to their prideful image. It's very difficult for this character to ask for help if they feel they can't handle everything, as this can dismantle their image of omnipotence, and as such they demand much more of themselves than what they can handle, it's not easy to delegate their tasks to others either.

Once they have reached the role of leadership they know how to motivate those around them, with their charisma and because of their hard work, becoming a source of inspiration. It's an arrogant character that believes to know everything without having a proficient background, simply given by their condition of being someone exceptional or being naturally gifted.

In the mature image they try to portray it's common for them to offer advice without being asked about it and believe to know what everyone else needs, what

people need to be in a better place or to solve their issues. The motivation that an E2 social has for their acts is apparently generous, their intention is to change the world for good, to contribute something to society and to help people. It's a very bold character that believes they can reach to the very top, and they would always do it for the common good. What they struggle to realize is that deeply the motivation behind their acts is, in many cases, to boost their own ego. In that sense their desire to help people is not selfless, they are invasive and they don't accept their advice and ideas to be rejected, as that would put into question the idealized image they strive so hard to maintain. This can lead them into becoming genuine tyrants that manage to get things done as they order, because they consider themselves to possess the absolute truth or of a vision, an objective so elevated and goodwilled that justifies it to be imposed almost by coercion.

The image that people have of them is something this character worries excessively about, they can even go as far as doing what's necessary to silence the voices that question them or talk ill about them. Some E2 socials, conscious that occupying the highest position can make them an easy target for criticism, can choose to strategically stay in a second place as an advisor of the leader, as a way of maintaining power but saving themselves the trouble of being criticized. It's a character that is highly competitive, which is something they won't want to accept as it tarnishes their radiant image. They can't recognize it as they would have to recognize that they have to make an effort to be the best and take the risk of being overtaken by someone else. They hide their envy even further, which they undoubtedly have since their gaze is fixed on everyone else, to see where others are better than them, to know where they should focus their efforts into improving.

They don't realize that reality often limits their ambition, this character believes that anything they aspire to is doable, that it's within their reach just by desiring it. At the same time, making mistakes is something they are not allowed to do, they are capable to skillfully mask their mistakes in a way they appear as good decisions in the eyes of others. They don't connect easily with the feeling of failure, but if failure comes in an undeniable way, it can trigger in this character their worst meltdowns, when they connect with this feeling they tend to isolate to avoid being seen, they move away from the gaze of others. It's in these moments of crisis where they can choose to make radical changes in their lives or even fall into addiction as a way to escape their frustration.

The social E2 chooses wisely who they interact with, they maneuver social relations with a strategic component, they are drawn to people who stand out and it's likely that they look down upon or with contempt to those who have no power or who don't get them closer to their objectives. In that sense they like to "surround themselves with the bigger fishes" of the social circles where they desire to ascend, it's a remarkably elitist person.

Their strategic choice of contacts can even manifest in their romantic relationships, choosing a person with the idea in mind that they will be useful for their goals. They will be drawn to powerful people, visible and prominent, they can evaluate the relationship in terms of if it's a relationship that will allow them to achieve the status they desire. It's a person with a speech full of emotionality and who knows how to catch people's attention and attract, they are magnetic, and they know how to convince and they promise a lot, although oftentimes they promise more than they can give.

In an unhealthy state they can look at people as simple tools to reach their goals, and with that in mind discard or cut ties with those who won't be useful to them to reinforce their great image. There is a certain coldness in this character, a disconnection from the intellectual with the emotional, it can make them choose people in a functional way, like choosing a partner because they provide them with sex and give them offspring, or certain friends because they are good contacts. For the E2 social, surrendering to love can be difficult because they are scared to lose control, they tend to be perfectionistic, rigid and uncompromising with people close to them.

Their relationship with sex can be complicated as they can go from fearing intimacy out of fear of showing vulnerability to a compulsive sexual behavior, as a form of self-affirmation, but it's difficult to reach a relationship where affection and sexual intimacy happen simultaneously. In their romantic relationships it's difficult for them to place themselves at the same level of their partner, they tend to automatically place themselves above their lover. In reality they look to create admiration by the other, becoming necessary for the other, being mature and the one who teaches the other like a mother/father, and usually will try to transform the other to assimilate their ideal of how they should be.

For the E2 social is important to progressively renounce their ideal of greatness, the pursuit of their promised land is a sentence that makes them exploit themselves, to not allow themselves to waver and to treat others in an inconsiderate way, and oftentimes utilize people. Cultivating humility is key in their case, and little by little figure out the deep emotional wound of the lack of self-esteem that compels them to become someone adored by masses, the conqueror with no limits, and all of this to compensate for the little love they have deep down for themselves. The E2 social needs to understand that living a normal life is not a failure nor a sentence, but a, because renouncing the heavy burden of such high ideals of themselves, they will be able to humanize themselves bit by bit and get closer to those around them from an equal disposition and allowing themselves to show their limitations, without fear of being rejected for them.