

(LYCUS)

Philia, this is Pseudolus. You are to stay with him until the captain comes. It will not be long.

(Aside to PSEUDOLUS.)

Pseudolus! Thank you, PSEUDOLUS. If none in the house were to your liking, there will soon be new arrivals. You shall have first choice, because, Pseudolus, you are a friend.

(Bows.)

PSEUDOLUS

And you, Lycus, are a gentleman and a procurer.

(HE bows, LYCUS reacts, exits D.L. HERO and PHILIA stand staring at each other. PSEUDOLUS looks at them fondly, then turns to audience.)

There they are. Together. And I must keep them that way, together, if I am to be free. What to do? What to do?

(To himself.)

I need help. I'll go to the harbor. There I may find a way out I I am off ! The captain!

(HERO and PHILIA turn to him, alarmed.)

Watch for him. He may arrive this way ...

(PHILIA turns from HERO, looks O.S.R.)

...or he may arrive this way. No, no. You watch this way.

(Turns PHILIA around.)

And you watch that way.

(Turns HERO around.)

Much better.

(Starts to run O.D.R., stops, addresses audience.)

Don't worry. Nothing will happen. He's a virgin, too.

(Runs O.D.R.)

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PHILIA.

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My name is Philia.

HERO

Yes.

PHILIA

I do not know your name, but you have beautiful legs.

HERO

My name is Hero and ... uh ... you have beautiful legs, I imagine.

PHILIA

I would show them to you, but they are sold.

HERO

I know.

PHILIA

Along with the rest of me. I cost 500 minae. Is that a lot of money?

HERO

Oh, yes.

PHILIA

More than 300?

HERO

Nearly twice as much.

PHILIA

Those are the two numbers that mix me up, three and five. I hope that captain doesn't expect me to do a lot of adding.

HERO

You can't add?

PHILIA

We are taught beauty and grace, and no more. I cannot add, or spell, or anything. I have but one talent.

end
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PHILIA

I'M LOVELY,
ALL I AM IS LOVELY,
LOVELY IS THE ONE THING I CAN DO.
WINSOME,
WHAT I AM IS WINSOME,
RADIANT AS IN SOME DREAM COME TRUE.
OH, ISN'T IT A SHAME?
I CAN NEITHER SEW
NOR COOK, NOR READ, NOR WRITE MY NAME,
BUT I'M HAPPY,
MERELY BEING LOVELY,
FOR IT'S ONE THING I CAN GIVE TO YOU.

HERO

(Spoken)

Philia ...

PHILIA.

Yes?