

SECOND CITIZEN

He took nine minae.

Some  
(Hi

PSEUDOLUS

Nine?! I took seven!

HERO

Thro:  
(HE

Give them nine.

PSEUDOLUS

A cou  
(HE

*(Handing coins to CITIZEN)*

One, two, three, four—I am being cheated out of the money I won fairly.

Do yo

HERO

Pseudolus!

And v

PSEUDOLUS

*(Giving CITIZENS coins)*

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Seven, eight.

FIRST CITIZEN

I don't

What happened to five and six?

*(HERO glares at PSEUDOLUS.)*

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(HE

PSEUDOLUS

I'm coming to them. Nine, five, six!

I like t  
that, st  
for her

*(Hands them three more coins.)*

SECOND CITIZEN

Come, fellow citizens!

Yes?

*(CITIZENS exit D.L., chattering. PSEUDOLUS crosses to HERO, sheepishly.)*

PSEUDOLUS

If that s

I should be whipped ... gently. But I only did it for money. I thought if I could raise enough you'd let me buy my freedom from you.

Everyth

HERO

Oh, Pseudolus, not again!

Everyth

PSEUDOLUS

It's all I think about. I hate being a slave.

Right.

HERO

Better a slave than a slave to love.

You dor  
give me

PSEUDOLUS

That's easy for you to ... Love? You? Tell me, master, who is she? Anyone I know?

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**HERO**

Sometimes you can see her through that window.

*(HE points to house of LYCUS.)*

**PSEUDOLUS**

Through that win—

*(HE is horrified, crosses to HERO.)*

A courtesan in the house of Lycus?

*(HERO nods.)*

Do you know how many minae a girl like that would cost?

**HERO**

And worth every drachma!

**PSEUDOLUS**

Your parents would be outraged if they could hear you.

**HERO**

I don't care! Oh, Pseudolus, I would give anything for her.

**PSEUDOLUS**

You would? You really love this girl?

*(HERO Sighs.)*

I like the way you said that. Now, you cannot afford to buy this girl, but in spite of that, suppose someone, someone with tremendous cunning and guile, could arrange for her to be yours.

**HERO**

Yes?

**PSEUDOLUS**

If that someone could arrange it, what would you give me?

**HERO**

Everything!

**PSEUDOLUS**

Everything? What do you own? Twenty minae, a collection of sea shells, and me.

**HERO**

Right.

**PSEUDOLUS**

You don't have to give me the 20 minae, or the sea shells. If I get you that girl, just give me me.

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HERO

Give you you?

PSEUDOLUS

My freedom.

HERO

Pseudolus! People do not go about freeing slaves.

PSEUDOLUS

Be the first! Start a fashion!

HERO

*(A pause, then:)*

Get me that girl!

PSEUDOLUS

And if I can?

HERO

*(Decisively)*

You are free!

PSEUDOLUS

I am what?

HERO

Free!

PSEUDOLUS

*End* →

Free—!

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PSEUDOLUS

*(Sings)*

OH, WHAT A WORD!

OH, WHAT A WORD!

*(Spoken.)*

Say it again!

HERO

Free!