

All the World's a Stage Cafe

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STAGE SCRIPT

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Logline:

In a quirky café where literary legends casually drop in, Shakespeare finds himself unintentionally stealing his greatest lines from real-life encounters, much to the frustration of Marlowe and the bemusement of the café's eccentric patrons.

Character List:

- Juliet
- Romeo
- Tybalt
- Macbeth
- Shakespeare
- Marlowe
- Cafe Owner
- Lady Macbeth
- Weird Sister 1
- Weird Sister 2
- Weird Sister 3

Synopsis

In a lively café William Shakespeare and Christopher Marlowe sit down for a drink—only for the Bard to find himself creatively blocked. However, as the café fills with familiar figures from his future masterpieces—Romeo, Juliet, Macbeth, Lady Macbeth, Tybalt, and even the Weird Sisters—Shakespeare unwittingly lifts their words for his own plays. From Juliet's lament for Romeo to Lady Macbeth's cries of "Out, damn spot!", he scribbles furiously, much to Marlowe's exasperation.

As tempers flare, misunderstandings unfold, and theatrical chaos ensues, the café becomes a whirlwind of wit, rivalry, and literary serendipity. But as the night ends and Shakespeare departs, blissfully unaware of his future greatness, the café owner remains sceptical—sure that neither he nor Marlowe will ever amount to much.

A fast-paced, playful comedy brimming with sharp dialogue and knowing winks to Shakespearean fans, *All the World's a Stage Café* reimagines history with a modern, irreverent twist.

Have fun with it!



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Patrons are scattered around the cafe, Shakespeare enters with his friend Christopher Marlowe.

MARLOWE

How is the new play coming along?

SHAKESPEARE

Awful, I cannot think of anything to write.

CAFE OWNER

Mr Shakespeare and Mr Marlowe, welcome.

MARLOWE

Have you done something new with the place?

CAFE OWNER

It is now a gastro cafe, all the rage. I have even given it a new name.

SHAKESPEARE

Oh really, and what would that be?

CAFE OWNER

It's called, "All the World's a Stage"

MARLOWE

And all the men and women merely players.

SHAKESPEARE

And all the men and women merely players. I said it first.

Shakespeare writes it down in his notebook

CAFE OWNER

That's a bit of a long name for a cafe. I think I will stick with "All the World's a Stage".

MARLOWE

We will have two glasses of your finest grog.

Enter Juliet

JULIET

Romeo, Romeo has anyone seen
Romeo?

MARLOWE

Where, wherefore art thou Romeo?

SHAKESPEARE

Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou
Romeo? Nailed it.

Shakespeare writes it down in his notebook.

JULIET

Has anyone seen Romeo?!

CAFE OWNER

He's in the bog.

MARLOWE

Could we get that grog?

CAFE OWNER

Coming right up.

Macbeth and Lady Macbeth are sitting at a table enjoying a meal.

MACBETH

I do not see a dagger before me. How
am I meant to eat?

LADY MACBETH

How many times, it's a knife, stop
behaving like an animal.

MACBETH

Knife, dagger, what is the difference? I
wish to see one before me.

LADY MACBETH

Here, take mine.

Lady Macbeth hands Macbeth her knife.

MACBETH

This is no knife, this is a dagger which
I see before me. The handle toward
my hand please. So dangerous.