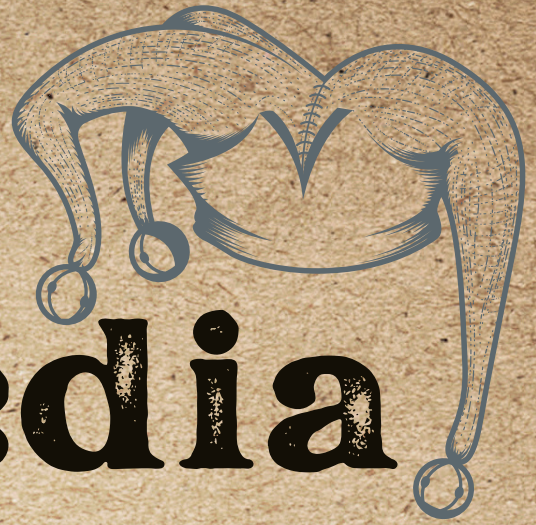




Commedia Therapy



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STAGE SCRIPT

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Logline:

In this vibrant Commedia dell'Arte-inspired comedy a conflicted heroine navigates a whirlwind of eccentric advisors, clashing ideologies, and theatrical chaos on her journey to self-discovery—ultimately choosing authenticity over expectation.

Character List:

- Captain
- Columbina
- Doctor 1
- Doctor 2
- Pantalone 1
- Pantalone 2
- Harlequino
- Witch
- Brighella
- Magnifico
- First Actor
- Zanni

Synopsis

In this 12 character script, a dynamic ensemble of vibrant personalities comes together in a comedic yet deeply introspective exploration of identity, self-worth, and transformation. Columbina, plagued by inner conflict and the demands of others, seeks solace in a chaotic session with her intrusive companions.

The Captain, the two Doctors, the Pantalone twins, Harlequino, Brighella, Witch, Magnifico, First Actor, and Zanni all bring their unique perspectives and eccentricities, offering advice that ranges from self-preservation to reckless daring. Their clashing ideologies and exaggerated antics reflect Columbina's inner struggle to balance societal expectations with her desire for authenticity.

Amidst the commotion, Columbina realises the power of self-discovery and declares her independence from the cacophony of voices. As she bids farewell to her unwelcome companions, she chooses to embrace a fresh start, guided only by optimism and her newfound understanding of herself.

This script is a lively and thought-provoking play that blends the theatrical traditions of Commedia dell'Arte with a modern take on personal growth, celebrating the courage it takes to redefine oneself amidst the chaos of life.

Have fun with it!



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Captain sits in an armchair facing a couch, note pad in hand. A tired Columbina enters and collapses on the couch.

CAPTAIN:

And what brings you here today?

COLUMBINA:

That, that is the same that brought me here yesterday.

CAPTAIN:

And still no light has been shed on the troubles that seem to darken your doorstep.

COLUMBINA:

I know there are too many that tread across it, most that do are unwanted.

Enter Doctors

DOCTOR 1:

Never happy, never satisfied.

DOCTOR 2:

Even when the trough is full there is still much to lament.

COLUMBINA:

And here comes two of them. Leave me alone you old fools.

DOCTOR 1:

A person that calls another a fool is far more likely to be the fool himself.

DOCTOR 2:

Especially if they cannot see further than their own nose.

CAPTAIN:

Tell me of your week. Have you been able to be yourself or have others interrupted?

DOCTOR 1:

Oh an interruption!

DOCTOR 2:
Is that what you think of us?

COLUMBINA:
An interruption indeed. Frequently this week has been filled with interruptions from one to the next.

CAPTAIN:
Have these interruptions caused pain?
Or has a happy week been had?

COLUMBINA:
Happy at times.

DOCTOR 1:
Happy at times. A prisoner can be happy when they eat, drink and play.

DOCTOR 2:
But the times in between are filled with a dark void.

DOCTOR 1:
The question is, how does one fill a void?

DOCTOR 2:
With others and things, I would hazard a guess.

Enter Pantalone 1 & 2

PANTALONE 1:
Your ramblings make as much sense as a lost urchin...

PANTALONE 2:
And if you should never be happy with a full trough...

PANTALONE 1:
At least be happy enough that it is there but more so...

PANTALONE 2:
Be on guard against those that should want to plunder it.