

“Forum” Audition Scene #1: Pseudolus

*(Pseudolus performs the opening monologue from the show addressing the gods then the audience.)*

Pseudolus: *(to the gods)* Gods of the theatre, smile on us. You who sit up there stern in judgment, smile on us. You who look down on actors (and who doesn't), bless our little company and smile on us Think not about deep concerns. Think not about dark dilemmas. We offer you rites and revels, smile on us awhile.

*(to the audience)* Playgoers, I bid you welcome. The theater is a temple, and we are here tonight to worship the gods of comedy and tragedy. Tonight, I am pleased to announce a comedy. We shall employ every device we know in our desire to to divert you.