

“Forum” Audition Scene #6: Hero and Philia

*(The young man Hero and his virginal beloved Philia meet and are alone for the first time. Both are facing one another. Note: Both of these characters are guileless and innocent. There should be lightly comedic sweetness in this scene.)*

Philia: 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.

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

He: I know.

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

He: Oh, yes.

Ph: More than 300?

He: Nearly twice as much.

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

He: You can't add?

Ph: We are tough beauty, and grace, and no more, I cannot add, or spell, or anything. I have but one talent... I am lovely.

He *(Staring at Philia)*: Philia...

Ph: Yes?

He: Say my name.

Ph: Just say your name?

He: Yes.

Ph: Very well. *(A blank look)*. I have forgotten it.

He (*Disappointed*): It's Hero.

Ph: Forgive me, Hero. I have no memory for names.

He: You don't need one. You don't need anything.

*(They kiss gently.)*

He: Do you know? I've never been kissed before.

Ph: That's the very first thing they teach us.

He: Philia...I love you.

Ph: And I love you.

*(They embrace.)*