

Audition 5 Philia, Senex, Pseudolus

PHILIA: Take me! Here on the street if you like! My body is yours. Say it. Say it!

SENEX (*Looks around, then quickly*): Your body is mine.

PHILIA: Then take me! (*Throws herself at him*) Is this not what you want?

SENEX: It does cross my mind now and then.

PHILIA: You must know one thing.

SENEX: What is that?

PHILIA: Though you have my body, you shall never have my heart.

SENEX: Well, you can't have everything. (*Looks heavenward*) A thousand thanks, whichever one of you did this. (*She seizes him. They hold their embrace as Pseudolus enters, carrying a vial. Not seeing Senex and Philia, he addresses audience*)

PSEUDOLUS: Would you believe it? There was a mare sweating not two streets from here. (*Sees embrace. Senex 's face is hidden from him. Pseudolus turns to audience*) Gets to look more like his father every day.

PHILIA (*Still in Senex's arms*): Pseudolus, he is here.

PSEUDOLUS: No!

SENEX: Remember where we stopped. (*Slips out from under her, goes to Pseudolus*)

PSEUDOLUS: Sir, you're back.

SENEX: She almost broke it.

PSEUDOLUS: You've returned!

SENEX: Yes!

PSEUDOLUS: Unexpectedly!

SENEX: Apparently! Who is she?

PHILIA: I shall wait your bidding.

SENEX: Yes, dear.

PHILIA: Ever your servant. (*Bows, exits into SENEX's house*)

SENEX: (*Sighs*): Ever my servant.

PSEUDOLUS (*Quickly*): Yes, sir. Your servant. Your new maid. We needed someone to help.

SENEX: Anew maid. She seems very loyal.

PSEUDOLUS: And very efficient and very courteous and very thoughtful.

SENEX: Maids like me. I'm neat. I like maids. They're neat. Something no household should be without.