

Side for CRISPÍN

CRISPÍN tries to convince his co-conspirator, Leandro, to stick to their scheme and marry Sylvia without revealing that they are penniless grifters on the run from the law.

Crispín: And when she knows, you will no longer be who you were: you will be her husband, her besotted husband, as completely in love and faithful and noble as you want to be and as she could desire ... Once you are in possession of her love..., and her dowry, won't you be the perfect gentleman? You are not like Señor Polichinela, who, with all his money, which allows him so many luxuries, has still not permitted himself the luxury of being honourable ... It's his nature to be a rogue; but you, you were one solely from necessity ... And if you hadn't had me at your side you'd have let yourself die of starvation simply for scruples. Ah! Do you think that if I had found in you another man, I would have been content with applying you to falling in love ...? No; I would have applied you to the pursuit of politics, and not to Señor Polichinela's money; the world would have been ours ... But you're not ambitious, you're content with being happy ...