

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'll no longer be who you were: you'll 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 possess her love... and her dowry, won't you be the perfect gentleman? You're not like Señor Polichinela, who, with all his money, which allows him so many luxuries, still hasn't 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 if I'd found in you another man, I'd have been content with applying you to falling in love...? No; I'd 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...