

Chapter 1 : The Brothers, by Terence : act2

Adelphoe (also Adelphoi and Adelphi - The Brothers) is a play by Roman playwright Terence, adapted partly from plays by Menander and www.nxgvision.com was first performed in BC at the funeral games of Aemilius Paulus.

But what a world of fears possess me now! Lest he have taken cold, or had a fall, Or broke a limb! Why do you ruin this young lad of ours? Why does he wench? You let him dress too fine. And he, I think, deceives himself indeed, Who fancies that authority more firm Founded on force, than what is built on friendship; For thus I reason, thus persuade myself: But he whom kindness, Him also inclination makes your own: He burns to make a due return, and acts, Present or absent, evermore the same. Here lies the mighty difference between A father and a master. He who knows not How to do this, let him confess he knows not How to rule children. He seems uneasy too, I know not why, And I suppose, as usual, comes to wrangle. But you appear uneasy: What has he done! For not to speak of all his former pranks, What has he been about but even now! What has he done? All Athens cries out shame upon him for it. I have been told of it a hundred times Since my arrival. And if we needs must draw comparisons, Does not he see his brother thrifty, sober, Attentive to his business in the country? Not given to these practices; and when I say all this to him, to you I say it. You are his ruin, Micio. How unjust Is he who wants experience! Because you, Demea, Misjudge these matters. It is not fair. Wherefore you, Were you a man, would let your younger son, Now, while it suits his age, pursue his pleasures; Rather than, when it less becomes his years, When, after wishing long, he shall at last Be rid of you, he should run riot then. Nay, nay; do but hear me, Nor stun me with the self-same thing forever! Your elder son you gave me for adoption: Or torn a coat? Must I be plagued with the same thing so often? And me it touches too. So it seems to me. And squander; it is no concern of mine. You may trust me. Do I demand him back again I gave you? I am not a stranger to him. You wish I should take care of one. I will not say aught worse of him at present.

Chapter 2 : The Brothers / Terence

Translation Year Contributors ; Comœdies de Tœrence, traduction nouvelle () Eugœne Talbot () Comœdies de Tœrence, traduite du franœois, avec le Latin œ coste, et rendues trœs honnestes en y changeant fort peu de choses.

Singing almost disappeared from his plays, and recitative was less prominent. From Menander he learned to exhibit refinements of psychology and to construct ingenious plots; but he lacked comic force. His pride was refined language—the avoidance of vulgarity, Terence was taken to Rome as a slave by Terentius Lucanus, an otherwise unknown Roman senator who was impressed by his ability and gave him a liberal education and, subsequently, his freedom. Reliable information about the life and dramatic career of Terence is defective. There are four sources of biographical information on him: Most of the available information about Terence relates to his career as a dramatist. During his short life he produced six plays, to which the production notices assign the following dates: These dates, however, pose several problems. Yet alternative date schemes are even less satisfactory. From the beginning of his career, Terence was lucky to have the services of Lucius Ambivius Turpio, a leading actor who had promoted the career of Caecilius, the major comic playwright of the preceding generation. Now in old age, the actor did the same for Terence. The Hecyra failed twice: Terence faced the hostility of jealous rivals, particularly one older playwright, Luscius Lanuvinus, who launched a series of accusations against the newcomer. It was the custom for these Roman dramatists to draw their material from earlier Greek comedies about rich young men and the difficulties that attended their amours. The adaptations varied greatly in fidelity, ranging from the creative freedom of Plautus to the literal rendering of Luscius. Terence sometimes did add extraneous material. In the Andria, which, like the Eunuchus, Heauton timoroumenos, and Adelphi, was adapted from a Greek play of the same title by Menander, he added material from another Menandrian play, the Perinthia The Perinthian Girl. In the Adelphi, he added an exciting scene from a play by Diphilus, a contemporary of Menander. Such conservative writers as Luscius objected to the freedom with which Terence used his models. This malicious and implausible charge is left unanswered by Terence. Romans of a later period assumed that Terence must have collaborated with the Scipionic circle, a coterie of admirers of Greek literature, named after its guiding spirit, the military commander and politician Scipio Africanus the Younger. When he was 35, he visited Greece and never returned from the journey. He died either in Greece from illness or at sea by shipwreck on the return voyage. Of his family life, nothing is known, except that he left a daughter and a small but valuable estate just outside Rome on the Appian Way. Modern scholars have been preoccupied with the question of the extent to which Terence was an original writer, as opposed to a mere translator of his Greek models. Positions on both sides have been vigorously maintained, but recent critical opinion seems to accept that, in the main, Terence was faithful to the plots, ethos, and characterization of his Greek originals: Nevertheless, in some important particulars he reveals himself as something more than a translator. First, he shows both originality and skill in the incorporation of material from secondary models, as well as occasionally perhaps in material of his own invention; he sews this material in with unobtrusive seams. Second, his Greek models probably had expository prologues, informing their audiences of vital facts, but Terence cut them out, leaving his audiences in the same ignorance as his characters. This omission increases the element of suspense, though the plot may become too difficult for an audience to follow, as in the Hecyra. He preserved the atmosphere of his models with a nice appreciation of how much Greekness would be tolerated in Rome, omitting the unintelligible and clarifying the difficult. Individual scenes retain their power today, especially those presenting brilliant narratives. The influence of Terence on Roman education and on the later European theatre was very great. His language was accepted as a norm of pure Latin, and his work was studied and discussed throughout antiquity. The Plays of Plautus and Terence

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Roman Comedy, Part 2 Terence I. Though much admired in his day and long after, not even one work of his survives whole and intact. That Caecilius Statius stayed closer to the tone and structure of his Hellenistic models is clear not only from the fragments of his plays but also the fact that their titles are mostly in Greek, not Latin, in some cases corresponding directly with the titles of the Menandrian originals he was adapting. This does not mean, of course, that Caecilius Statius wrote in Greek; rather, it suggests that he inclined away from the Romanizing tendencies of his immediate predecessors Naevius and Plautus whose plays almost invariably have Latin titles, often not even translations of the original Greek title. But his death in BCE opened the door for new voices to enter the Roman stage, and onto these boards trod one of the greatest the Romans would ever produce, Publius Terentius Afer, known today as Terence. Still, we can make good guesses at both. Ancient sources report he died young and, since his last play was produced in BCE, he was probably born at some point between and First and foremost, all the plays he ever wrote survive complete. Along with that have come significant details about them: Indeed, few other classical authors writing in any genre have their entire body of work preserved, and then only luminaries like Vergil. His work is uniquely well-documented, and the reason must be, at least in part, the high regard in which he was held from his own time on. As a result, we have over six-hundred Terence manuscripts, some of great antiquity and accuracy, dating from many different periods of the Middle Ages and Renaissance. On whom that will reflect moreâ€”Terence or us? Harboring many valuable, albeit not always accurate, morsels of data, the Terence scholia date back to the time ofâ€”and, no doubt, the hand of, as wellâ€”Aelius Donatus, one of St. This makes it hard, often impossible, to unravel the dramatist from the drama. Instead, everything we know about the man named Euripides must be deduced through the veil of his drama, or from what others had to say about him. Thus, unique documents attesting to the nature of Roman Comedyâ€”and Republican drama and society in generalâ€”these prologues open our eyes to the world beyond, behind and beneath the play, hinting, for instance, at what rehearsals were like, how productions were funded and the jealousy that could rage between rival playwrights. But, best of all, we hear what Terence has to say about his work and his life in his own words. And as expected, his truth is clearly not the truth, the whole truth, that is. Like any public figure who feels compelled to defend his actions and choices, Terence dodges questions, skirts issues, flatters his producers, kisses up to the public, points to his own genius and, generally, acts like a politician at a press conference, not a patient on truth serum. But like so many invented histories, his catty retorts hint at larger realities and, as it turns out, speak volumes about the artist and his age. Also, because there is no known precedent for these prologues, they may even have been a feature of playwriting Terence himself invented. If so, it is one of the few aspects of drama the Romans may claim as their own, and claim proudly. As such, the prologues are worth a closer look. Our poet, when first he set his mind to writing, Thought he was doing only one job: Pleasing the people with the plays he wrote. As to what they cite as his crime, listen to this! Menander wrote an *Andria* and a *Perinthia*. What fits into *Andria* from *Perinthia* Our poet admits he "translated" for his own purposes. Though the young playwright leaves his accuser unnamedâ€”for rhetorical purposes, it is often wise not to name your detractor but call him something like "that man"â€”Donatus tells us that it was *Luscius Lanuvinus*, a second-rate comic dramatist. The reason this constitutes malfeasance is not clearâ€”the plays were, after all, written by the same author which begs the question: But why does Lanuvinus decry *contaminatio*? Did the Romans generally recognize, as some scholars have suggested, that there were a limited number of originals on which to base Roman plays? Did this lead to a rule of some sort about not using more than one Greek play in constructing a Roman copy? Terence went on producing plays and, so far as we can tell, "contaminated" everyone of them. Perhaps, then, it was just a matter of good taste, an area of life in which the young rarely listen to their elders. Nevertheless, the charge of *contaminatio* did not go away quickly. Terence had to address this issue again in later prologues, such as that appended to *Adelphoe* "The

Brothers" , the last play he wrote and, without doubt, his consummate masterwork: As witness for himself he will appear. You will be the judges, Whether this ought to be called a fair play, or foul. They Died As One is a comedy by Diphilus. Plautus turned it into Till Death Us Part! And as to what those malefactors say, that well-born men Assist our poet and write with him continually, He accepts the complimentâ€”and no small compliment it is! The old men who come on first will reveal it, some of it, The action will unveil the rest. No fewer than two previous attempts to stage this play had, in fact, failed before the production to which the prologue below was added. Note that Turpio himself served as the speaker of the prologue, though presumably Terence wrote the words: As advocate I come before you, in the guise of a prologue. Allow me to convince you that an old man may have The same right I once had as a younger man. In those days I gave old age to new plays, ones driven from the boards, Making sure the drama did not disappear with the poet. I produced new plays by Caecilius Staiusâ€” In some of them was booed, in others stood my groundâ€” For I knew that fortune in the theatre is especially fickle, So I held on uncertainly to a certain task: I began to repeat the same plays and help this same man produce New plays. I made sure they were seen, and when they were well-known, They became a success. Now, as to what I seek, listen and for my sake be fair! I bring before you Hecyra, again! I have never gotten through This play in peace. Some misfortune looms over it. And that misfortune your perspicacity Will finally put to rest, if you agree to, of course. I decided to try my old habits on a new play, Make another go of it. I put it on again. Act One goes well. But in the meantime a rumor circulates That gladiators will be fighting. A mob flocks in. In the meantime I could hardly keep my place. But today there is no mob, only peace and quiet. The time for me to act has finally come, for you to take The opportunity to dignify this dramatic festival with us. See that your influence Fosters and furthers my own influence. Allow me to beg of you: Also evident here is the hierarchy of Roman theatre, where a dominus like Turpio truly dominates and playwrights-in-need like Terence and Caecilius must enlist his aid in a crisis. Menander in the long run won the battle among Greek comic playwrights and finally emerged "the star of New Comedy. As the dust kicked up by Alexander and his cronies slowly settled, one thing at least began clear: Throughout his scant six comedies are found many excellent examples of the subtle personality types Terence favored, "subtle" meaning "Menandrian. Among the more memorable is the lovesick braggart soldier Thraso "Bold" of The Eunuch, a man hopelessly smitten with affection for the beautiful prostitute Thais. Though he tries to stick up for himself, and at one point even attacks her house with an armyâ€”granted, a corps of cooks, the only force he could serve up in short order! A soldier maybe, a braggart definitely, but mostly just a man, this bold loser is, in fact, a sad weakling far more controlled than controlling. Gentle Micio, the champion of tender love, has taken many blows to the egoâ€”and the wallet! Finally, at the conclusion of the play, this fool for the love of his son has served up not only patience and money but his house and home and, though he balks at first when Aeschinus pleads with him to marry, is persuaded to give up even his prized bachelorhood, too. It is hard to imagine a more Menandrian sentiment. In fact, there is little in Terence that does not scream Menander. By not revealing the general parameters of the story to follow, Terence creates tension among his viewers who are now on an intellectual par with the characters. In this essential respect, modern theatre begins with him. To understand how and why Terence did this requires that one look back at Menander and the reasons his plays always reveal the outcome of the plot to the audience. While giving away the end at the very outset of a play may seem to us today like spoiling the story because we are acculturated to anticipate surprises and unforeseen plot twists, to the ancient Greeks the converse was true. That made watching a tragedy more like being a god than a human, an Olympian sitting above the turmoil of mortal life or a scientist observing an experimental animal pinned and squirming in the laboratory dish below. All in all, Greek tragedy is clearly designed to make the viewer feel superior to the hero on stage, in the same way that the majority of the audience loomed over the stage action physically. Given an audience inured to being seated well above the characters on stage, post-classical comic poets in Greece had little choice but to dispose their drama from this same vantage point. The world outside their theatre was doing a very poor job of making them feel divine. But unlike Menander, Terence had no such history or pressure weighing down on him and his society. The Romans were booming in his day and therefore needed a pat on the back far less than their Hellenic counterparts. If the theatre in Rome did not make the viewers feel divine, so what? His strong and

confident audience could take it—“even tolerate being fooled by a plot twist or two”—without feeling their intelligence slighted. It was only a play, after all, just some Greek riddle not worth too much time or mental exertion, certainly nothing to hang your ego on. To seek complexity in the arts at all was, to many of them, wasted effort where amusement and diversion should rule. Thus, no complex “three-actor rule” for the Romans, no stereotypical characters whose behavior is subtly predictable, no long, philosophical heart-to-hearts between fathers and sons—the Roman stage was a place for boisterous joy, for singing loud and long that life is good. And so it was! Whether or not the idea originated with them, it is now the heritage of Rome that plays ought at heart be just plain fun: And if amidst all the jokes and physical humor Terence or Plautus happened to inject some serious art and education into their drama, it seems unlikely any Romans minded, as long as the players primarily played. After all, in Latin ludus means both “play” and “a play.”

Chapter 4 : Adelphoe - Wikipedia

The Adelphoe (The Brothers) of Terence is a Latin adaptation of a comedy of the same name by the Greek comic playwright Menander. The theme of the play is the perennially interesting question of the relationship between the generations and the proper way to bring up a son.

Full name Publius Terentius Afer Roman playwright. Terence is best known for the elegant language, symmetrical plots, and complex, sympathetic characterizations exhibited in his six comedies. Though he has for the most part been viewed as a respected and influential author, Terence has also been criticized by commentators from his own time onward for closely basing his plays on earlier Greek models—a practice some reviewers have interpreted as imitation or even plagiarism. Today most scholars agree that although Terence used the forms and themes of Greek New Comedy, he created a new type of play that transcended its antecedents. Gilbert Norwood, for example, has praised Terence for his "splendid principle of accepting the traditional framework and evolving from it in a thoroughly serious, permanently interesting, type of drama. Since Terence reportedly possessed great personal charm and soon demonstrated exceptional dramatic talent, he was quickly accepted into the circle of Scipio Aemilianus—a group of wealthy, well-placed young Roman aristocrats enamored of Greek culture and literature. Terence sailed for Greece, either to escape criticism at home or to become more familiar with the country. Some biographers claim that he was lost at sea on the way back, but the circumstances of his death remain unknown. Major Works Terence wrote six comedies, each of which has survived. All of them are close adaptations or translations of Greek plays, two Hecyra, or The Mother-in-Law, and Phormio by Apollodorus, and the other four by Menander. The earliest, Andria The Girl from Andros, recounts the travails of two young men, both in love, and both thwarted by their respective fathers. The Mother-in-Law, first produced in B. Unlike earlier Roman dramatists who relied on raucous humor and vulgar language for comic effect, Terence favored correct, sophisticated speech and more use of dialogue than monologue. In characterization Terence also departed from earlier convention: Although his models came from Greek New Comedy, Terence depicted a distinctly Roman society, with all its foibles and eccentricities intact. The world of his plays, unlike earlier Roman drama, is an amoral one, however; Terence is more interested in describing and dissecting moral dilemmas than in suggesting the proper ways to solve them. The medieval manuscripts have been traced to one original, probably dating from the fifth century. Caesar tempered his complimentary remarks by calling Terence a "half-Menander" and accusing him of a lack of comic vision. Terence himself answered the charges of imitation in the prologues to his plays, including himself in the long, honorable tradition of younger writers paying tribute by copying their predecessors. Most critics believe that, while he was not an inherently original author, Terence artfully transformed the situations and themes of Greek New Comedy into a genuinely Roman milieu. Today Terence commands admiration for his humanistic approach to his characters, for the new directions he made possible in drama through his introduction of double plots, and for the excellence of his Latin. As Betty Radice has written, "He created a Latin style which was an admirable counterpart to the natural rhythms of Hellenic Greek, less rhetorical and dense, simpler and purer than anything before.

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Chapter 9 : Modern day Brothers (The Adelphoe) by Laura Graziano on Prezi

Micio is an aging, easygoing Athenian bachelor whose strict and hardworking brother Demea permits him to adopt and rear Aeschinus, one of Demea's two sons. Unlike his brother, Micio is a.