

CHARACTERS

Viola

Viola is a young woman of Messaline, who finds herself shipwrecked in Illyria. She is Twelfth Night's protagonist, keeping the motions of the play going. Since she is alone (her twin brother Sebastian thought to have drowned), she disguises herself as Cesario, a young man, and starts working for Duke Orsino. Soon after, Viola discovers her own love for her master, but cannot do anything about that as a man. Viola is a outspoken young woman, trying to cope in a new world and as a new "man".

Duke Orsino

Orsino is a powerful nobleman, and rules over Illyria. He is lovesick for the Countess Olivia, but finds himself growing very fond over his new page boy, Cesario, who is actually Viola. One of Orsino's favourite hobbies is music, and he sings throughout the play.

Countess Olivia

Olivia is a beautiful noblewoman of Illyria, who is the object of Orsino and Sir Andrew Aguecheek's love. Mourning for her brother, she has refused to marry for seven years. However, when she sees Cesario, she falls in love with him, completing the love triangle in the play. Olivia is blinded by her love for Cesario and mistakenly offers herself to Sebastian, who accepts her marriage proposal.

Sebastian

Sebastian is Viola's twin brother, who also survived the shipwreck to arrive in Illyria. He sets out to find Orsino with his friend Antonio and discovers along the way that other people believe they know him. He is mistaken for Cesario and weds Olivia.

Malvolio

Malvolio is Olivia's head servant. He is very efficient, but also egotistical and self-righteous. His behaviour and attitude encourage Sir Toby, Maria, and Sir Andrew to play a dirty trick on him: they forge a love note from Olivia. Malvolio believes himself to be the best suitor for Olivia and fantasizes about marrying her.

Feste

Feste is Olivia's clown, or fool, but he also entertains Orsino's household. Making jokes, singing songs, and being foolish to entertain and cheer Olivia is his job. Feste is usually thought to be the wisest character in the play.

Sir Toby

Sir Toby, Olivia's uncle, is a drunk and is quite rowdy. As a lark, he encourages his drinking partner, Sir Andrew, to marry his niece. Sir Toby and Maria plot to continuously torment Malvolio, discover their feelings for each other and get married.

Maria

Maria is a trusted servant in Olivia's household. She daring and outspoken, and she also fantasizes about advancing in social standing. Unlike Malvolio, Maria succeeds and marries Sir Toby after assisting with the joke played on the head servant.

Sir Andrew Aguecheek

Sir Andrew is a friend of Sir Toby and wishes that he could marry Olivia. He believes himself to be an incredibly interesting man with many talents and skills, but he is however just a fool.