17th century Spain, Madrid, the capital.

Love intrigues, entertainment, conspiracies and adventures..

Herrarda flirts with Lucindo, catching his eye.

Fenissa looks on from her window.

Doristeo appears, he is interested in catching Herrarda’s eye. Captain Bernardo, Lucindo’s father appears along with Belisse, her daughter Fenissa and their maid Mirinsita.

Fenissa notices Lucindo and purposely drops her handkerchief. Captain Bernardo is charmed by Fenissa.

Belisse, the mother, thinks that it is she he’s interested in but as it turns out, he wants her daughter, the Captain asks for her hand in marriage. Fenissa heard this and tells of it to Mirinsita, the maid.

They think of a genius plan, she announces that she agrees to the marriage! In reality, it is an excuse to make meetings between Fenissa and Lucindo easier. Fenissa complains to the Captain that his son is courting her, he in turn, promises to put an end to it at once and send his son off to Portugal to serve in the army!

Lucindo and Ernando, his servant, are taking a stroll and happen to see Doristeo and Herrarda together through the window. Ernando tries to convince Lucindo to forget Herrarda and instead, to give his love to Fenissa, he has an idea: he will dress as a woman and act as Lucindo’s lover, thus making Herrarda jealous!

Lucindo and Ernando dressed as a women, come and indeed, Herrarda burns with envy, she wants to have both at once, Doristeo and Lucindo- and cannot decide whom she wants more.

Doristeo is enraged by the new relationship between Herrarda and Lucindo. Lucindo orders Ernando to remove his wig and dress, and explains that it was all an act as now, he is in love with Fenissa.

When they meet, Fenissa explains to Lucindo that her whole act in front of his father, was just an excuse to meet him, and that she agreed to the marriage only for the fact that she would be able to meet with Lucindo.

Doristeo pleads before Herrarda to forget Lucindo- why just yesterday he was with somebody else! Herrarda replies that it had only made her love for Lucindo stronger and that now, she must find a way for Lucindo to stop seeing that other woman he was with the day before.

Lucindo and Ernando meet Doristeo alone and frustrated. The three of them come up with a plan to teach Herrarda a lesson.

Belisse, Fenissa’s mother, dreams of the Captain. Fenissa comes up with a genius plan. She tells her mother that Lucindo wants to marry her- Belisse! The mother is not convinced but agrees that this is the only way to save Lucindo from being sent of to serve to Portugal.

Herrarda is enraged, she has to confront Lucindo. All of a sudden, Doristeo enters! He challenges Lucindo to a duel for Herrarda’s love. The fight begins, Lucindo strikes Doristeo and he falls as if dead.

Ernando, dressed as Lucindo, calls for Bellise and declares his love for her. Belisse is baffled. She talks the Captain that his son, wants her hand in marriage. Bernardo decides not to stand in the way, as long as he gets Fenissa!

Fenissa proposed not to put off the wedding but to connect both weddings together- both of the pairs will marry simultaneously!

The church. In the quiet night, Herrarda enters grieving over Doristeo and falls to her knees next to his body.

What happens after, dear audience, you shall find out for yourself...