

## CHARACTERS

**WILL SHAKESPEARE** – poet and playwright  
**KIT MARLOWE** – colleague, friend, and inspiration

**FENNYMAN** – the money  
**LAMBERT & FREES** – Fennyman's henchmen  
**HENSLOWE** – owner and manager of the Rose Theatre

**RICHARD BURBAGE** – lead actor of the Chamberlain's Men  
**MISTRESS QUICKLY** – wardrobe mistress  
Actors playing **VALENTINE** and **PROTEUS**

**DOG**  
Burbage's **HEAVIES** (2)

**QUEEN ELIZABETH I**  
**EDMUND TILNEY** – the Lord Chamberlain  
**VIOLA DE LESSEPS** – disguises herself as actor **THOMAS KENT**

**NURSE** – servant to Viola  
**SIR ROBERT DE LESSEPS** – Viola's father  
**LORD WESSEX** – betrothed to Viola  
**CATLING** – guard at De Lesseps Hall  
**GUARDS** (2) at De Lesseps Hall  
**BOATMAN**

**WAITER**  
**BARMAN**  
**MOLLY & KATE** – tavern whores  
**MUSICIANS**

**RALPH** – novice actor, plays Nurse and Petruchio  
**NOL** – novice actor, plays Benvolio and Samson  
**ROBIN** – novice actor, plays Lady Capulet  
**ADAM** – novice actor, plays Gregory, Benvolio, and Servingman  
**JOHN WEBSTER** – street urchin, aspires to be a player  
**WABASH** – novice actor, Henslowe's stammering tailor

**NED ALLEYN** – lead actor of the Admiral's Men, plays Mercutio  
**SAM** – actor, plays Juliet  
**PETER** – actor, plays Tybalt  
Other actors, including one who plays **ABRAHAM**