## Play: <u>A Mayden-Head Well Lost</u> Author: Thomas Heywood

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act/sc	door IN	Entering characters	door OUT	Space-time indication	Commentary and notes
1.0	7	Prologue Prologue	7		No pertinent spatial indicators here.
I.i	7	Julia Stroza	•	JUL. That shee should doo't? STR. I have seene Strange passages of love, loose enterchanges Of hands and eyes betwixt her and the Prince,	Court of Milan, private conversation, entry from inwards. Stroza, machiavellian figure, is causing trouble concocting stories
	_	Julia		Madame look too't.  JUL. But I will part those their stolne pleasures, And crosse those lustfull sports they have in chase.	about Lauretta and Prince Parma. Returns inwards, leaving Stroza onstage to reveal his plot to the audience.
		Parma	∠	PAR. Saw you the Princesse?	Arrives from outwards, in search of Julia. Stroza proceeds to inflict his evil plan on Parma.
	\ <u>\</u>	Julia Lauretta Mother	∠	JUL. Minion is'st you? there's for you, know your owne.  Julia meets her and strikes her, then speakes.	Uncertain if this is a split entry or not; it seems to be (since Julia 'meets' Lauretta) which may indicate that mother and Lauretta have arrived from outwards.
		Mother Lauretta	7	Exeunt Mother and Lauretta weeping.	They exit outwards.
		Stroza Parma	<i>7</i>	STR. I spy a storme a comming, Ile to shelter.  PAR. You shall not cast me off: I hate thy fight, And from this houre I will	Stroza also exits for cover, realising his plan is taking hold. Exits outwards.
		Julia	7	abjure thee quite.  JUL. Ile call him backe: if Stroza be no villaine, He is not worth my clamourOh I am dishonoured  Perpetually; for he hath left behinde  That pledge of his acquaintanceI  must nowsubmissively implore.	She seems to exit outwards in pursuit of Parma.
I.ii	7	Duke Milan Attendants Mother Stroza Lauretta	7	A flourish. Enter the Duke of Millenie, the Generals wife, and delivers a petition with Stroza, Lauretta, and attendants.	SPLIT entry: flourish indicates time lapse, Lauretta, mother and Stroza enter from outwards as mother delivers petition.
		Stroza	7	STR. But no such Comet here shall daze my sight, Whilst I a Cloud am to Eclips that light.	Exits outwards to further plot.
		Julia Stroza	∠	Enter Julia and Stroza whispering. DUK. Julia?	Split staging; they enter whilst the mother/wife is speaking with the Duke of Milan. It is several lines after Julia has entered the stage until her father addresses her.
		Stroza	<b>✓</b>	JUL. Haste, Stroza, unto the Prince his chamber, Give him this letter, it concerns my honorall that I can call good Depends upon the safe delivery Of these few broken letters.  STR. Maddam, tis done—	Sent outwards.
		Souldier	<b>/</b>	SOUL. Must speake with the Duke I	Almost immediate re-entry for

		Stroza		come in haste with newes.	Stroza.
	_	Mother		WIFE. My Lord and husband? Spare me passion, I must withdraw to death.	Having heard of the death of her husband in battle, wife/mother exits inwards.
		Souldier	<b>/</b>	SOUL. Come will you pay me sir? STR. Sir, will you walke.	Souldier exits whence he came.
	_	Duke		DUKE. But for his wife, we must be mindefull of her, And see we doe so.	Duke returns inwards.
		Julia Stroza	<b>✓</b>	JUL. Speake, will he come? STRHe promis't you a parley JUL. Ile make way To save my owne shame, and enforce his stay.	Julia asks Stroza about Parma. It seems both exit outwards to go and find Parma.
I.iii		3 Souldiers	<b>L</b>	Enter three souldiers: one without an arme. 3 SOUL. But stand aside, here comes the Lady.	MARKED congestion at outwards door. Soldiers arriving at court to pay respects to dead general's wife.
	7	Mother Lauretta Clowne		WIFE. Are all these Gentlemen summond together, That were my Husbands followers, and whose fortunes Expir'd in him?Welcome Gentlemen.	Ladies enter from inwards to receive the soldiers. Evidence of split staging techniques as initially both parties are talking amongst themselves about each other.
		Souldiers Clowne Mother Lauretta	77	ALL. May you ever be happy. WIFE. We will leave Millaine and to Florence straightLeave Millaine then, to Florence be our guide, Heaven when man failes, must for our helpe provide.	Soldiers exit whence they came. Exit outwards for Florence.
II.i	7	Parma Julia		Enter Parma reading a Letter; after him Julia.  PAR. You are with - childe, So doth your Letter say: what change your face?	Court scene, from inwards.  Backstage cross for Julia indicates time-lapse and perhaps also that she has been looking for Parma (see her last exit lines). They are both in a private space discussing the letter and Julia's pregnancy.
		Parma	<b>7</b>	PAR. If thou wert as thou hast Beene always honest, I could wish thee still So to continue; but being a broken Lady, Your onely way's to make use of your Talent, Farewell, I'le to my Countrey.	Exits outwards.
	7	Milleine		JUL. My father too, 'tmust come unto his eare, Oh— MIL. Julia.	Duke enters from further within the Court.
	7	Stroza		DUKE. Stroza. STR. My lord. DUKE. Search out Prince Parma, bring the Traytour backe againe Dead or alive. STR. My lord, he is a prince.	Although no entrance is marked for Stroza, he must enter here upon the Duke's calling him. It is possible, since he is in such close proximity to father and daughter that perhaps Duke and Stroza have been eavesdropping on Julia and Parma.
		Stroza	7	DUKE. When I say begon.	Exits outwards as ordered. Again no exit marked but must exit here for dialogue to be logical.
		Stroza	∠	DUKE. Is Parma found? STR. My Lord, hee's privately Fled from the Court.	Presumably returns from outwards with news
		Stroza	7	DUKE. Then flye thou after villaine. STR. Sir, are you madde? DUKE. What's to be done?	and is sent outwards again , leaving father and daughter in private to plot.
	_	Duke Julia		DUKE. When Children 'gainst their Parents all things dare, Yet Fathers still prove Fathers in their care.	Return inwards to the Court. Rhyming couplet provides closure to the scene.

II.ii	Mother Lauretta Clowne	<b>L</b>	MOTH. Oh misery beyond comparison! When save the Heavens we have no roofe at all To shelter us!What place may wee call this? what Clime? what Province? CLO. Why this is the Duke-dom of Florence, and this is the Forrest where the hard-hearted Duke hunts many a	Forest near Florence. Outwards= reversal/opposite of typical order, natural order.
	Clowne	7	Hart. WIFE. Step to the Village by and fetch some Wine. CLO. You had better keepe your Gold,	Outwards towards the town via forest.
	Prince Flor. Mounsieur	<b>L</b>	and trust to my begging Oratory.  MOTH. It seems the Duke is Hunting in the Forrest, Here let us rest our selvesSing thou faire Childe, I'le keepe tune with my eyes.  Winde hornes. And enter the Prince of Florence & Mounsieur.	Coming into the forest, hunting. The Prince has presumably heard Lauretta's singing.
	Huntsman	∠	PRIN. This way the voyce was, let is leave the Chace. PRINCE. You shall receive some bounty from a Prince. Who keepes the Lodge below? HUNT. Your Highnesse Hunts-man. PRIN. Command him to remove, and instantly We give it to these	From further out in the woods.
	Clowne	<b>∠</b>	LadiesWe'le take you now to our owne Patronage. CLOW. Nay, now I thinke I have fitted you with a Cup of MipfilatoI could get no Plate in the Forrest but a woodden Dish,	Clowne returns from the town with wine.
	Clowne Ladies Huntsman Prince Flor.	7	HUNT. Come Ladies will you walke? CLO. How now fawce-boxe, knowe your mannersCome Ladies follow me. PRIN. Come Mounsieur, night steales	Further into the forest, to Huntsman's house.  Back towards Court.
	Mounsieur		on, not many yeares Shall passe me.	
II.iii	Duke Mill. Midwife Stroza		A Dumbe show. Enter the Duke of Milleine, a Midwife with a young Childe, and after them Stroza: the Duke shewes the Childe to Stroza, hee takes it: then the Duke swears them	Julia has given birth to her child and they are coming out to leave it somewhere in secret.
	Duke Midwife Parma	<u>/</u>	both to secrecy upon his Swordand exit with the Midwife; then Stroza goes to hide it, and Parma dogs him: when hee hath laid the Childe in a Corner	Return inwards to Court; Parma enters from outwards to indicate his alienation from Court life.??
III:	Stroza Parma	7	he departs in haste,and Parma takes up the Childe and speakes.  PARMA. For thee sweete Babe I'le sweare, that if not all, Part of my blood runnes in thy tender veynes Oh injurious Stroza! I now begin to feare; for this sweete Babe Hath in his face no bastardy, but shewes a Princely semblanceI'le take to me this Infants pupillage.	Returns into the court (inwards). Scene ends in rhyming couplet; Parma vows to take care of the child and exits outwards with it.
III.i	Duke Mill. Lords Julia		MILL. Forbeare my Lords for a few private words  JUL. Durst I presume my Lord, to know	Court scene, entry from inwards.

				Whither you have sent my sonne?	-
				MIL. I'le not have it question'd.	
		Lords	7	1	Lords sent outwards to allow father
	_	Julia			and daughter to speak privately.
		Stroza	<b>_</b>	STR. Unless the silent Grove of Trees	Stroza has returned from dumping
		Lords		should blabe, There is no fear of scandallI left the sucking Babe	Julia's baby in the trees (outwards).
				where the next passenger Must finde	
	K	Duke Mill.		it needes.  DUKE. To Florence then wee'le streight	After proposing to find a suitable
	`	Lords		dispatch Embassadours, Stroza, bee't	husband for the shamed Julia, the
		Stroza		your care to manage this high	Court returns inwards. Another
				businesse.	nasty rhyming couplet from the
					Duke concludes the act. Whilst Stroza is the one in charge,
					presumably he is first going
					inwards to arrange the journey.
III.ii		Clowne	<b>_</b>	Enter Clowne gallant, and the	Vague location. Entry from
		Huntsman		Huntsman.	outwards. The clown is speaking of
					his begging adventures in town. They enter mid-conversation but it
					seems they have only recently met
					up again after a time lapse. Arriving
					back at the house where mother and
	\	Mother		Enter Mother and the young Lady	daughter are staying? It seems they come out of their new
	7	Lauretta		gallant.	lodging to meet the Clowne and
				MOTH. Sirrah.	huntsman.
			-	CLOW. Madam.	
		Clowne	7	LAU. Stand farther off sirThen take	No exit marked for Clowne but he
				your Sattin further.	presumably exits outwards to leave mother and daughter in private.
		Clowne	/	Enter Clowne running.	Returns from outwards to announce
			_	CLOW. So hoe Mistris Madam, yonder is the Prince, and two or three Gentlemen come riding upon the	the arrival of the Prince.
				goodliest Horses that ever I set my eyes upon.	
		Clowne	7	LAU. Go see them stabled, my soule	No exit marked but presumably the
				leapt within me To heare the Prince but named.	Clown exits outwards to fetch the horses.
		Prince Flor.	<b>/</b>	PRIN. Now my faire Friend	As announced, from outwards. Split
		Mounsieur		I prithee Mounsieur, A little	staging techniques as Mounsieur
				complement with that old Lady, Whilst I conferre with her.	distracts the mother so that Lauretta and the Prince can speak.
		Clowne	/	CLOW. Oh my lord, my Lordthere's a	Returns from outwards to announce
			<b>K</b>	Nobleman come from the Court to speake with you	the arrival of the Duke of Florence.
				PRIN. Upon my life 'tis some	
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		Prince Flor. Mounsieur	7	PRIN. Now give me leave to take a short fare-well.	Exits outwards back to Court to receive the ambassador.
	_	Lauretta		Short faic-well.	Return inside their lodging.
	`	Clowne			3 0
		Mother			
III.iii	7	Duke Flor. Lords		Enter Florence and Lords with Stroza Embassadour.	MARKED congestion at inwards door: still in Florence but at the
		Stroza		FLO. Speake the true Tenor of your	Court where Stroza has arrived to
				Embassie	propose the marriage to the Duke.
				STRThat your hopefull Heire Shall	-
				with the Princesse Julia his faire	
		Prince Flor.	/	Daughter, Be joyn'd in Marriage. PRIN. Whence are these Lords?	Arriving back at Court having come
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		Mounsieur Prince Flor. Mounsieur	7	DUKE. From Millaine. PRIN. Come friend, I must impart My Love this newes, or it will rend my	directly from visiting Lauretta. Exits outwards back to the forest.
	Γ,	Stroza Lords Duke Flor.		heart. STR. I shall return this answere FLO. But you first shall taste The bounty of our courtFixt is the day, Wherein rich Florens shall her pompe display.	Inwards, to taste the bounty of the court.
III.iv		Parma Lord (Mil)	<b>V</b>	PARM. But I pray you tell me, since I left the Court, How is my absence taken?But of the Princesse Julia?  LORD. Full two Moneths Shee kept her Chambermeere grief for your departure hence.	Entry from outwards, as Parma informs himself of what is happening at court. There has been a 2 month time lapse, and Lord is informing Parma of Julia's impending marriage and other details of courtly life.
	_	Lord		PAR. No more: Pray leave mee Sir. LORD. I will: Pray Sir Regard your safety.	Lord exits back towards court.
		Parma	7	PAR. 'Tis decreed Something to Plot, although I fayle to speede.	Parma returns outwards after delivering a rhyming couplet. Again, this signifies the end of an act.
III.v	7	Clowne Mother			Back to the outskirts of Florence.  Domestic scene, entry from
		Lauretta Clowne	7	CLO. Ile fetch that will cure you	inwards. Exits outwards, trying to 'cure'
		Clowne	<b>/</b>	presently. CLOW. Nay Madam, the Prince is come.	Lauretta's melancholy. After jesting with Lauretta that the Prince is coming
		Prince Flor. Mounsieur	∠	LAU. Welcome my Lord: And wherefore doe you sigh? PRIN. Ile tell the Love, strange newes: I	he actually does enter with news of his marriage to Julia.
	^	Mother		must be married.  Shee swounes.  MOTH. Helpe to support her.	Lauretta faints and is taken inwards.
		Clowne Parma	∠	Exit with Mother and Clowne. Enter Parma disguised. PAR. I come to seeke the Prince, and was directed Unto this place.	Parma arrives from outwards in search of the Prince of Florence with a letter.
		Parma	7	PARM. Reade, the Contents will shew you; their eyes are from mee, and I must hence.	Exits whence he came.
		Mounsieur Mounsieur	7	must hence.	Directed to chase Parma.
		Prince Flor. Mounsieur	ノレフ	PRIN. Come, Ile to Court, Ile not bee sway'd.	Returns to report his escape. Exits outwards back to court.
III.vi		Clowne	<b>V</b>	Enter the Clowne with his Table-bookes. CLOW. The Prince is to be married tomorrowNow I am sent as Caterer into the City to provide them with victualls, which they charg'd me to buy; no ordinary fare.	Very explicit temporal clues here. Clowne here performs a choric role. Arriving in the city (Florence) from outwards, purchasing food for the feast Lauretta is putting on for the wedding. MINIMAL congestion at outwards
	<b>\</b>	Stroza Lord		Enter Stroza with another Lord. CLO. Hee that undermin'd my old Lady and my yong Mistris? now that I could find but one stratagem to blow him up, I would tosse him.	door. Split staging techniques; Clown sees Stroza coming from the city and mouths off to himself about Stroza.
	_	Stroz Lord	_	STR. Now businesse calls me hence: farewell.	Exit back whence they came.
		Clowne	<u> </u>	CLOW. And so farewell to your	Exits whence he came, loop scene.

			worship, grave Monsieur Stroza, for I must about my market.	
IV.i	Duke Mill. Julia Stroza Bishop Duke Flor. Prince Flor. Mount fleur Attendants  Duke Mill. Julia Bishop Duke Flor. Prince Flor. Mounsieur	<b>V</b>	A Dumbe shew. Enter at one doore, the Duke of Millaine, Julia, Stroza, and a Bishop: At the other doore, the Duke of Florens, the Prince and Mounsieur, with attendants; Then the Bishop takes their hands and makes figures to marry them, and then the Prince speaks. Exeunt all but Stroza. STR. Would I were safe in Millaine.	SPLIT entry. MINIMAL congestion, as we see the processional entry for the dumbshow wedding of Prince Florence and Julia.  Stroza is in trouble, and realising he is becoming undone. All exit inwards.
	Attendants Duke Mill.  Duke Mill. Stroza	<i>7</i> 1	MIL. StrozaO deare Stroza, Helpe now, or never! STR. But the hell is That they must lie together, ther's the Devill. STR. I know a desolate Lady, with whom Gold I can corruptHeere let	Milan returns from inwards to plot with Stroza how they will keep it from the Prince that Julia is not a virgin. SPLIT exit. Milan exits first, then Stroza exits to Florence (forest) to
IV.ii	Mother Daughter Clowne	<b>V</b>	them stay, With these five hundred Crownes Ile poast away.  CLOW. Maddam, yonder's a Gentleman comes to speake with you in all hast.	bribe Lauretta, after reflective couplet.  MINIMAL congestion at inwards door. Split entry, Clowne from outwards having answered the outwards door offstage. Time lapse, domestic scene in the forest at Lauretta's lodgings.
	Stroza  Clowne	∠	LAU. Admit him in.  LAUR. Wee would bee private sirra,	Stroza has obviously remembered Lauretta's address from his encounter with the Clowne in the city. Enters from outwards. Almost immediate re-entry for Stroza. Clowne exits inwards as requested.
	Stroza Lauretta Wife	7	And therefore leave us.  STR. This night lie with the Prince in Julia's stead  MOTH. Oh mee, unhappie, that nere knew griefe till now.	SPLIT exit. Wife inwards, Stroza and Lauretta exit outwards.
IV.iii	Duke Mill. Stroza Lauretta	<b>V</b>	Musicke. A Dumbe Show. Enter Millaine, to him Stroza, and brings in Lauretta masked, the Duke takes her and puts her into the Bed	SPLIT entrance. MINIMAL congestion at inwards door. Bed thrust out after Milan's entrance and remains visible during the dumb-show.
	Duke Mill. Duke Mill. Julia	7	and Exit. Enter both the Duke and Julia, they [Duke and Stroza]make signes to her and exit: Stroza hides Julia in a corner, and stands before her.	Duke comes onstage with Julia.
	Duke Mill Duke Mill Prince Flor. Others	7	Enter againe with the Prince to bring him to bed. They cheere him on, and others snatch his Pointes	And exits here. Function of others is to hide copulation from audience by creating a furore around bed, unlacing Prince's points. Exit outwards after snatching
	Duke Mill.	7	and so exit. The Dukes Imbrace, and Exeunt.	pointes. Misprint here, must mean Duke and Stronza embrace, Duke exits. Stroza and Julia remain onstage.

				The bed meantime has been struck.
V.i	Duke Mill.	<b>L</b>	Enter Milleine to Stroza.  MILL. Thou art our trusty Counsellor; if this passe currant We're past all feare.	MARKED CONGESTION, slight time-lapse. Despite the fact that this is an act break, there are clearly 2 characters left onstage from the previous dumb-show (Stroza and Julia).
	\( \) Lauretta		STR. See, here shee is; The newes? LAUR. The Prince is fast, all done	Lauretta is emerging from the 'marriage bed' (now offstage, inwards) - evidence of time lapse but this is still the same night and not yet the morning after.
	Stroza Duke Julia	7	STR. Away to bed my Lord: You to the Forrest, I'le to my Coach, all's well.	Duke exits outwards to bed, Julia is sent inwards to lie beside the Prince before he wakes up and realises the swap, Stroza exits outwards and Lauretta remains onstage
	Lauretta	7	LAUR. Day gins to breake, and I must to the Lodge.	before she exits outwards to the forest. Multiple forks in road. Temporal indicators again.
V.ii	Prince Flor. Mounsieur		Enter Prince and Mounsieur with a Torch.  MOUN. What doe you not like your bed-fellow, my Lord, That you are up so soone?  PRIN. Oh friend, was never man blest with a BrideI'me scarce my selfe, till this be knowne To my faire Forrest friend.	Torch indicates very early dawn. Both emerge from many rooms within.
*****	Prince Flor. Mounsieur	7	PRIN. Lett's mount away, The nights quite spent: and now begins the day.	Exeunt not marked but necessary.
V.iii	Mother Clowne		MOTH. What was it you said sirra?	Back in the forest, early morning. We have been prepared for this wipe and reset of the inwards door from the Prince's dialogue. Very clear spatial and temporal clues. Domestic scene, entry from inwards.
	Prince Flor. Mounsieur	<b>L</b>	PRIN. Good morrow Lady: Where's your daughter pray?Pray may wee see her?	The previous exchange has given the men just enough time to feasibly arrive now at the forest from outwards.
	Lauretta		Shee's drawn out upon a bed.	Lauretta is 'discovered' at the inwards door once the curtains are
	Lauretta Mother Clowne Prince Flor. Mounsieur	7	PRIN. This charter and this Ring, faire Love, keepe you; And when I send for you, you shall repaire Unto the Court LAU. Great sir, I shall.	drawn apart and a bed is thrust out. Bed can be struck once she gets up from it and comes onto stage. All is revealed - split exit. Rhyming couplet.
V.iv	2 Dukes Julia Stroza Attendants		MILL. Who saw the Prince last? Is't custome with him To rise thus early?  JUL. He never exercis'd with me, I'm sure; I might have layne as safe, free, and untoucht, By any Lady living.	MARKED congestion at inwards door, possibly minimised by rhyming couplet at end of scene, and customary switch back from the forest to the court.
	Prince Flor. Mounsieur	∠	PRIN. Pardon Lords, I have stay'd you long, your blessing royall Father.	Arriving back at Court as prepared for in dialogue of those already
	Mounsieur	7	PRIN. See which of the Traine is wanting.	onstage.  No exit marked but he must go in order to justify his next marked
	Servingman	<b>/</b>	MOUN. I shall my lord. Enter a Serving-man with a child in a	entrance (see below). Bringing Parma and Julia's child

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	Child	covered Dish. GENT. The Prince, my Master, hearing your solemnities, Hath sent this dish, to adde a present to Your royall Feasts.	on. (from outwards)
	Mounsieur	PRIN. Which of the trayne is wanting? MOUN. None my Lord. PRIN. Stroza, where is this Charter and the Ring? STR. I know of none.	Returns from wherever he went.
Κ,	Mounsieur Stroza	PRIN. See they are both arm'd, and evenly, without odds, Save what the justice of the cause can yeeld.	Both exit inwards to arm for the duel.
	Parma 🗸	PAR. Where is the Prince of Florence? PRIN. Wee are hee.	Parma enters from outwards. Simultaneous mid-scene entrance/exit.
	Mounsieur Stroza Lauretta Mother Clowne	Enter Stroza and Mounsieur, they fight, and Stroza is overcome.  FLOR. But Peeres, the Virgin that this Stroza hired To Justice these wrongs?  PRIN. At hand my Lord: Monsieur conduct them hither?  MILL. The Generalls Wife and Daughter.	Return from inwards to fight.  Arrive from outwards as announced.
	Mother Clowne Mounsieur Stroza Parma Prince Flor. 2 Dukes Julia	PRIN. And let succeeding Ages, this much say: Never was a Maiden-head better given away.	All exit inwards.
	backstage cross		