

## SYNOPSIS

*The Way Of The World* is a play dealing with love which covered by intrigue in order to get intended purpose. The main character of the play is a charming young man, Mirabell who was apparently not a man of great wealth. He had an affair with Mrs. Fainall, the widowed daughter of Lady Wishfort. To protect her from scandal due to pregnancy, he arranged marriage for her to a man whom he feels to be of sufficiently good reputation but not a man of such virtue. Fainall for his part, married the young widow because he coveted her fortune to support his amour with Mrs. Marwood. After his relationship with Mrs. Fainall ended, Mirabell found himself in love with Millamant, the niece and ward of Lady Wishfort, and the cousin of his former mistress.

After all, there are financial complications. Half of Millamant's fortune was under her own control, but she had no right toward the other half, 6000 pounds, since it was controlled by Lady Wishfort and would be returned over to Millamant if she married a suitor approved by her aunt, Mirabell had earlier offended Lady Wishfort. Mirabell, therefore, elaborated scheme

in order to be able to get consent from Lady Wishfort for marrying her niece. He created an uncle (his valet, Waitwell) to woo and win Lady Wishfort. Then Mirabell intended to show the actual status of the wooer and in the purpose of getting her consent for his marriage to Millamant by rescuing Lady Wishfort from this misalliance. Mirabell was alert of the possibility that Waitwell might betray him. So before the masquerade Waitwell was to marry Foible, Lady Wishfort's maid so that he might not decide to hold Lady Wishfort to her contract.

Mirabell's plot ran well so far until Mrs. Marwood who loved Mirabell overheard Mrs. Fainall and Foible discussing the plot. Unfortunately Mrs. Marwood also overheard insulting comments about herself, she informed Fainall of the plot and the fact that his wife was Mirabell's former mistress, in the same time as Millamant accepted Mirabell's proposal and rejected Sir Witfull Witwoud. Being informed such news, Fainall unmasked Sir Rowland, the false uncle, and blackmailed Lady Wishfort with the threat of her daughter disgrace. He demanded half of Millamant's fortune be turned over to his sale control as well as the unspent balance of Mrs. Fainall's fortune. In addition he wanted assurance

that Lady Wishfort would not remarry, so that Mrs. Fainall was certain to be the heir. For saving her money, Millamant said that she would marry sir willfull. Fainall still create a scandal which would blacken the name of Mrs. Fainall unless he got the money eventhough Mirabell already brought two servants to prove that Fainall and Mrs. Marwood were guilty of adultery.

Mirabell comes as a hero who saved Lady Wishfort's family reputation and fortune by showing a deed. Before Mrs. Fainall married Fainall, she and Mirabell had suspected the man's character, and she had appointed Mirabell trustee of her fortune so Mrs. Fainall did not control her own money. In this case, Fainall could get nothing. Because of his intelligent in politicizing situation, Mirabell finally succeeded to get love and money through his consented marriage with Millamant.