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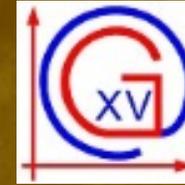
Marin Getaldić is in love with the beautiful smart Cvijeta, and she is driving all of his attention away from mathematical problems. Clueless concerning maths, he asks his servant to help him. His servant recommends buying Apollonius' book which may inspire him. Marin agrees and the servant buys the book. With his first glance at it, Marin knows the solutions to all his mathematical problems and forgets Cvijeta immediately. The plot was inspired by the comedy "Dundo Maroje" by Marin Držić.

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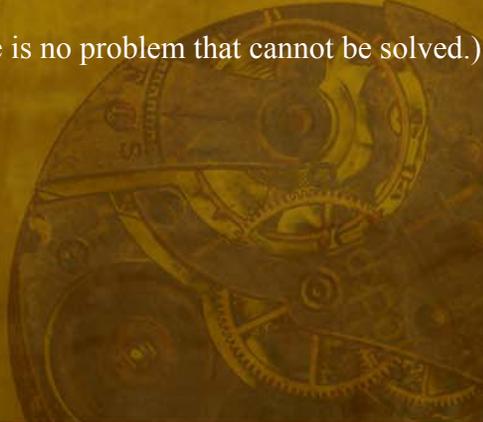
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Getaldić's big problem

'Quod est, Nullum non problema solveere.'

Francois Viete

(There is no problem that cannot be solved.)



The main characters

MARIN GETALDIĆ

(1568. – 1626.)

First Croatian mathematician well-known in Europe. His most important works are “Some opinions on the Parabola” and “A Collection of Various Problems”.

THE SERVANT

Marin Getaldić’s servant is an important character in the play who, in the end, solves the whole of Getaldić’s problem. He brings Apolloniu’s book which is just what Getaldić needs to stop thinking about Cvijeta.



Minor characters

FRANCOIS VIETE

(1504. – 1603.)

Considered to be the father of modern algebra. Discovered the construction of algebraic formulae using only a ruler and a compass. His works are collected in the book “Opera Mathematica”.

CVIJETA ZUZORIĆ

(1552. – 1648.)

Highly educated red-haired Dubrovnik woman who inspired many poets. Her best friend was the sister of Getaldić’s best friend.



Production

Writers:

Amalia Antičević,
Petra Adamović

Actors:

Josip Golomejić (Marin Getaldić),
Petra Adamović (Narrator),
Gayatri Čaklović (Cvijeta Zuzorić),
Mislav Vuletić (the servant),
Kristijan Štefanec (Francois Viète, Galileo Galilei, ship, clock)

