

## **Dramatis Personae for Plautus's *Miles Gloriosus***

**Acroteleutium** – courtesan – “The Absolute Best”

**Artrotrogus** – *parasite* (as in a hanger-on, not a tapeworm) - “Bread Gobbler”

**Cario** – *cook* – “The Carian” (a people famous for being mercenaries)

**Milphidippa** – attendant of Philocomasium – [Unknown]

**Palaestrio** - *Pyrgopolynices's slave* – “Wrestler”

**Periplectomenus** - *helpful old neighbor* - “Embracer” or “Entangler”

**Philocomasium** - *slavegirl* - “Lover of Revelry”

**Pleusicles** - *young lover* - “Famous Sailor Guy”

**Pyrgopolynices** - *soldier* - “Frequent Fortress Fighter”

**Sceledrus** – another of *Pyrgopolynices's slaves* – “Scoundrel”

## **Character Types in Greek New Comedy and Roman Comedy**

**The clever old man** - *senex lepidus*

**The amorous old man** - *senex/pater amans*

**The harsh father** - *pater/pater durus*

**The crafty slave** - *servus callidus*

**The youthful lover** - *adulescens amans*

**The matron** - *matrona*

**The maiden** - *virgo*

**The courtesan** - *meretrix*

**The pimp** - *leno*

**The flatterer** - *parasitus*

**The braggart soldier** - *miles gloriosus*

**Narrator**

## **Roman *Ludi* (“Games”) at which Comedies Were Performed**

<i>Ludi Romani</i>	(September — Jupiter Optimus Maximus — founded 364 BCE)
<i>Ludi Plebeii</i>	(November — Jupiter — founded c. 220 BCE)
<i>Ludi Apollinares</i>	(July — Apollo — founded 212 BCE)
<i>Ludi Megalenses</i>	(April — Great Mother — founded 194 BCE)