

"The solitude of Adam"

Synopsis

Background:

The play takes place in the period between the two world wars in Europe (though there's no reference in the text). Adam, the main character in the play, is a young European soldier serving in the army during the war. He is an orphan adopted by his uncle and aunt Leon and Marta whom are working as servants at Yohan`s house, the popular mayor and a widower living with his daughter, Adrian. Yohan and Adrian are very rich, and as befitting for the status, Yohan pushes Adrian to marry Stephan, who is older than Adam and Adrian. Stephan is also rich and his family has always supported Yohan in his many political positions.

Since they were young, Adam and Adrian loved each other but always kept it a secret. Stephen, who is also in love with Adrian, did not know about the affair she has with Adam and was going to marry her upon his return from the war, despite her refusal.

Sequence of Events:

The play is presented in a manner that is not chronological (as in the movie "Pulp Fiction"), i.e. The order of scenes in the play does not reflect the chronological order of the events of the story and the plot goes back and forth in time. The audience meets with the characters in three different time periods.

The Plot:

First period: 1916. The train station, Evening. Adam, Stephen and Joseph, their commander, return for leave from the front. Stephan is close to his discharging while Adam only goes on vacation. On the platform, Martha and Leon, Adam's adoptive parents, are waiting impatiently. Karl, Stephen's personal assistant is waiting to take him home with his luxury car (**Track 02 - The soldiers are returning from the front**). At home, Yohan, a political activist, urges Adrian to marry Stephen, who returns as a war hero. Adrian's marriage has future political implications. Stephen is a man of means and influence who came from a well-connected family. Adrian insists on

going after her heart and wait for Adam. As Adrian leaves her father`s office, his supporters enter in an effort to encourage him to run for mayor. During the discussions, which continue into the night, Yohan offers Commander Joseph the role of police chief if he will support him publically (**Track 03 - A political dispute**).

Adam meets with Adrian secretly in her father`s garden. Stephen, who is also in love with her, is watching them. The discovery of the affair comes to him as a shock. He is furious, pulls out his gun and plans to kill Adam, but Leon, the servant, surprises him. The two struggles and Stephan shoots Leon and flees. Adam, who ran to see what had happened is caught by Yohan and Joseph who were interrupted by the gunshot. This is a good opportunity for Yohan to remove Adam and he incriminates him for a murder he did not commit. Karl, who had witnessed the murder, remains silent (**not included in the submission**).

Martha, on her way to Yohan`s office, hears Stephan confess and ashamed with guilt in the garden (**Track 13 - After the murder**). In the Office, Yohan dissuade Adrian from helping Adam and asks her again to marry Stephen. Martha and Adrian plead Yohan to release Adam and look for the real killer. Martha tells him what she overheard from Stephan in the garden and Yohan, who needs Stephen, send the two away after Adrian tells him that she is pregnant with Adam`s son (**Track 14 - The confrontation**). Without knowing the truth, that he is the real killer, Adrian finds solace in Stephen, works in his factory and lives with him. He helps her to raise her newborn, Thomas (**Track 15 - Tell me stephan**).

Second period: 10 years after the murder, Adam escapes from prison disguised as a policeman. Stephan and Yohan contract the murder of Martha to Karl, now chief of staff in Stephan's factory who remained loyal to him after the death of his father but also dislike him. They fear that Adam will come to Martha and she would protect him and together they could hurt them. Karl recruits the staff from the factory as they see him as their leader. One of the employees is Betty, Joseph`s daughter and Karl`s girlfriend. Anna, Betty's little sister, witness the conversation and payment transfers for the murder between Karl and Stephan. Karl and other factory workers try to hurt Martha in the city`s alleys, but Adam, dressed as a policeman, arrives just in time to save her and goes with her to her home (**Track 04 - The market song**). Adrian recognizes him in the street but

keeps a distance as she fears exposing him or harming their son, Thomas, who was born without his knowledge.

Joseph, Stephan and Yohan's good friend, who was appointed by them as the police chief, returns home drunk. He is a hardworking man who raised his daughters by himself after his wife ran away from them. He hears from Anna, who accompanied Betty all day and confronts Betty for being reckless in her care for her sister. Anna can't stand their shouting and runs out to the street where she meets Thomas, a childhood friend. Anna loves Thomas, son of Adam and Adrian but he is not mature enough to notice her affection (**Track 05 - Every other evening**).

Adrian tells Stephan she saw Adam in the market and asks his advice on what to do next. She was afraid to come to him directly as she can be accused of assisting a fugitive and then Thomas could be left without a mother. On the other hand it's an opportunity for her to meet Adam and tell him about his son. Her father and Stephen dissuade her from meeting Adam. Stephen urges her to avoid any contact with Adam until the issue is clarified but when she insists he offers her to write Adam a letter containing the whole story. He promises to summon Martha and forward Adam the letter through her (**Track 06 - The letter**) (**Track 07 - My fading light**).

At home, Martha tells Adam about Stephan's confession in the garden. She and the Adam are planning to testify against Stephen in Court. Adrian sends Thomas to tell Martha and Adam about the letter that awaits them with Stephan without his knowledge. Yohan is debating whether to run for head of the district as the country is on the verge of an economic crisis and a feeling of uncertainty fill the streets (**Track 08 - Feelings**). Stephen hides the letter from Adrian in his table, calls the police to his house and gives away Adam's location to Joseph (**Track 9 - Extradition**). He understands that as long as Adam is free he poses a danger to both of them (**Track 10 - Can you hear me calling**).

Martha decides to go out and retrieve the letter leaving Adam hiding in her house. She crosses paths with Karl and Betty. The two, who are thrilled to complete the job, catch her and hurt her badly, leaving her to drown in her own blood on the street. Adrian finds Martha, dying. With her last breath she tells her that someone is waiting for her at home. Adrian sends Thomas to call for help but it is too late. Martha dies in her arms.

Karl and Betty arrive at to Stephen`s home to report on the death of Martha and collect the payment for their efforts , but instead of welcoming them, Stephen gets rid of them them in fear that any connection to them might tie him to the murder, and Karl, who was already ambivalent towards Stephan, promise to take revenge.

Adrian comes to Martha`s house where she meets Adam. The police sent by Stephan are closing in on the house, Adam gets arrested and Adrian is shot by Joseph and dies before she can tell Adam about Thomas (**Track 11 - Martha`s death**). Adam returns to prison, Thomas goes on to live under Stephan`s care and grows up without knowing who his real father is (**Track 12 - Finale**).

Third period: 13 years after the death of Adrian, in 1939, Yohan trying to run for office as head of the district. He enlists Stephen and Joseph at his side. Karl, who leads a Group of workers fired by the plant and other factories due to the difficult economic situation, confronts the corrupted and traitorous Yohan and Stephan (who invited him to murder) (**Track 16 - The threat**). He wishes to try and recruit Anna`s friend, Thomas, the son of Stephen, now a senior officer with public security, to his cause. Thomas confronts him and Anna, his childhood friend, who is still in love with him. Karl`s attempt fails, they run away. Karl decides to take revenge at Yohan and Stephan by burning Yohan`s house and the City Hall, if Yohan elected (**Track 17 - The gang**). Anna and Thomas fight. Anna is tired from the blind sighted tyranny of Yohan while Thomas argues that Karl is a charlatan (**Track 18 - Hold me**).

That same year, Adam`s Parole Board is convened and it is decided to release him from prison after 22 years (**Track 19 - Parole committee**). Thomas was appointed as his parole officer and finds Adam a job and a place to stay at his father's, Stephen, factory. They still do not connect the dots (**Track 21- Tomas and Adam**). The day Adam is released from prison Yohan wins the election. Yohan has regrets abandoning Adrian and his old, good intentioned, ways (**Track 20 - Many years ago**). Thomas tells him that he received information from Anna that Karl and his gang is coming for him (**Track 22 - Tomas's song**). Anna, confused between her love for Thomas and the fight for justice by her sister, Betty, and Karl, decides to leave Thomas, who never showed her real love, and go out with Karl gang`s vendetta against Yohan and Stephan (**Track 23 - Anna and Betty**).

Karl, Betty, Anna and the group of workers set out to blow up the winning party of Yohan and to hurt him. Right from the start they are discovered by Joseph, Thomas and the officers who are

able to save the house from burning. Meanwhile, the operation in the town hall is successful and the building gets burned. Betty is accidentally shot and killed by her father in an attempt to save Karl while confronting one of the officers. Thomas binds Karl and Anna, and takes them to jail (**Track 24 - Maybe tomorrow**). They tell him that Stephen and Joseph are corrupted and are responsible for the death of Leon and Martha. Joseph, who lost one of his two daughters, believes them.

Yohan's victory party is held at Stephan's factory since the City Hall was burned. Joseph arrives at the party, drunk, and starts to publically accuse Stephan for the murder. Thomas comes to the party with Adam in an attempt to keep his promise, and introduce him to Stephen, his father. Stephan realizes what is happening, locks himself in the office and commits suicide, holding the letter from Adrian in his hand (**Track 25 - Suicide and death of Stephan**). Yohan, Adam, Joseph and Thomas burst into Stephan's office after they hear a gunshot, read Adrian's letter and find that Thomas and Adam are father and son and the mother is Yohan's daughter, Adrian, (**Track 26 - Something is not clear**) (**Track 27 - Finale**).