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"PERFORMANCE SCRIPT"

"4 INDIVIDUALS PLAN THEIR TRIP TO LATVIA FOR AN INTERNATIONAL MEETING"



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EQUIPMENT

Projector

Large screen

Stage photos

Sound amplifier/Stage microphone/Sound system

Sounds of "Black Boat"

Sounds of Dulce Pontes, "Song of the Sea"

SCENE:

- Projection of an image of a ship
- Sound of "Black Boat"
- Projection of an image of a room

CHARACTERS:

Amália Rodrigues, the most internationally renowned fado singer in Portugal

D. Afonso Henriques, the first king of Portugal

Infante D. Henrique, the Navigator, the main driving force behind Portuguese discoveries

Daniela Ruah, Portuguese actress

António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations

SCENE 1

Amália enters the scene singing "Black Boat," approaches the ship, and sits on the stairs singing. Rests her head on her arm.

SCENE 2

Inside the boat, the Infante is at the helm.

Three characters call out.

KING AFONSO HENRIQUES (A.F.)

Hello, is anybody there? (To himself: It looks dangerous)

DANIELA RUAH (D.R.)

Can we go onboard?

ANTÓNIO GUTERRES (A.G.)

Aren't you expecting us? Is anybody there?

Infante D. Henrique (IDH)

I'm the captain of this ship. And who are you?

AH; DR; AG (showing an invitation letter or a tablet with an image, Latvian flag, for example)

We received an invitation.

A.G.

Yes, it's an ERASMUS trip to Latvia.

I.D.H.

I'm Infante D. Henrique, don't you recognize me?

I am one of the most illustrious Portuguese navigators. Through my expeditions, new seas, cultures, and people were discovered.

I'm really excited to go on another trip.

Having the opportunity to explore a new country is amazing.

But I'm worried about you, who probably have never done this before.
Are you guys excited about this?

The 3 of them

A.H. - Of course, I am. I love adventures.

D.R. - And I want to visit Latvia. I've never been there.

A.G. - Do you have any doubts? We are all here, aren't we?

IDH

You already know who I am, but I don't know any of you. Can you introduce yourselves?

D.R.

Hello, hello... You probably know me from NCIS, a famous TV show. I'm a well-known actress, living in the USA, but I also have Portuguese relatives. That's why my heart belongs to two places—America and Portugal.

I must admit that change scares me a bit, but I'm ready for this. A new adventure.

As a Jewish woman, I think I can adapt easily to other cultures, places, and people. It comes from my Jewish heritage related to the local changes we had to adapt to. Well, I believe this experience will benefit both my life and my acting career. It's important to be spontaneous and adventurous, and Latvia will strengthen that.

A.H.

For me, it will be an adventure too. Although I would rather travel by horse. I don't feel comfortable on boats...

I'm known as the conqueror because I conquered many lands during the Christian Reconquest. I was the first king of Portugal.

We brought our language and culture with us. Going to Latvia will allow me to learn new languages and cultures.

It will be an unforgettable experience.

I've travelled within my country, in constant conflicts and conquests, alongside my people. I have lived with the French, Castilians, Jews, and Muslims, but I have no experience in traveling to the Baltic countries.

How will they be? Will they like me?

I'm not comfortable with strangers...

Will it be very cold? Will I be able to communicate with them?

D.R.

I think A.G. is the best among us to answer your questions. He has travelled all over the world!

A.G.

People from all over the world! I'm António Guterres, the Secretary-General of the United Nations. I'm a politician and the most important representative for the UN. I've been to many countries and faced difficult situations, such as conflicts and even war.

I don't think you should be afraid. The ERASMUS program is one of the most important programs ever conceived. It allows people to travel to different countries and share cultures, traits, languages, meet new people, and more. It's a dream come true!

I.D.H.

The boat is already prepared with food and water for this trip.

D.R.

Food and water... Where is my bag? I need my stuff! I can't leave without my clothes, hygiene products, and souvenirs... What about money? I'm not sure I brought enough money. I hope they have ATMs.

A.H.

I think I have everything I need in my bag. But I'm really worried about the people we will meet there. Will I be able to communicate with them? Will they like the gifts I'm bringing for them? Infante, do you have hay for my horse? I won't leave without knowing my horse will be well-fed.

I.D.H.

Don't worry, that's more than enough hay for your horse.

A.G.

I hope my staff has arranged good places for us to stay. I know we are going to stay with Latvian families... I'm a little worried. I've always stayed in hotels.

I.D.H.

Are we going to visit many places in Latvia? Are we going in groups? Will they keep the four of us together, or will they join us with people from other countries?

A.G.

I really don't know. I think it will be a surprise for all of us!

I.D.H.

Stop, that's enough chit-chatting for now. Let's raise the anchor and depart.

Each one takes a seat.

A.D. and A.H., each of you can grab an oar.

Daniela, you stick with the sails.

Latvia, we're on our way!

Everyone takes on a task, the Infante takes the helm and orders the anchor to be raised.

FINAL SCENE

Sound of Dulce Pontes, "Song of the Sea," from 1'10"-1'40"

Rafaela - Infante

Lara - sails

João - rowing

Afonso - rowing

Amália wakes up from her dream.

Oh, where is everybody? Where is the boat? Did it leave without me? I want to go to Latvia and sing Fado to them. I think they would like it...

Nothing here? Just my bedroom walls? I think it was just a dream. But it all seemed so real!...

Well, if it wasn't real, I think I have to plan a plane trip to Latvia...

The end.

Overall: We all go with the intention of spreading our culture and showcasing our country.