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The difference between drama and comedy: In drama the ideas are important, while in comedy the characters are much the most important element. It is always like that on the stage. If you do not know this you will make a great mistake in playing comedy if you try to express the ideas because it inevitably becomes dull.

You can act the content of the ideas between Pan-cracio and Angelica in Spanish Evening but it will not be funny if the characters are not developed. In drama only the ideas can be played; it belongs to the nature of drama because the plot is the important thing. In comedy the characters are much more elaborated. Therefore it is necessary to elaborate the characters in Spanish Evening to a "T".