



The Alchemist

When their master leaves town, two cunning con artists, Subtle and Face, team up with their accomplice Dol Common to transform their London home into a hive of deceit and greed. Posing as alchemists and spiritualists, they lure in a colorful cast of gullible victims with promises of gold, eternal youth, and power.

Among their targets are Dapper, a naive clerk hoping for a lucky charm to win at gambling; Druggier, an ambitious tobacconist seeking success in business; and Sir Epicure Mammon, a hedonistic nobleman obsessed with the dream of limitless wealth. Each visitor's unique desires are skillfully manipulated, leading to increasingly absurd and chaotic situations.

But the con artists' intricate web of lies begins to unravel when their schemes overlap, jealousies flare, and unexpected guests arrive. As the farcical events spiral out of control, Subtle, Face, and Dol must scramble to keep their scams afloat and avoid discovery.

Ben Jonson's razor-sharp comedy exposes the follies of greed, ambition, and human vanity, delivering a riotous romp through the world of alchemy, deception, and outlandish schemes.

Jonson's *The Alchemist* is a masterclass in comedic timing, biting satire, and outrageous characters. Prepare for a laugh-out-loud journey through human folly and the timeless allure of a too-good-to-be-true promise.

ALL ROLES AVAILABLE:

We employ [identity-conscious casting](#) techniques.

Subtle – A smooth-talking con artist, posing as an alchemist. Witty and manipulative.

Face – The cunning and charismatic housekeeper turned partner-in-crime. Versatile and quick-thinking.

Dol Common – The resourceful and sharp-witted accomplice who adopts various disguises to fool their victims.

Dapper – A simple-minded clerk who believes he can win big with a magical lucky charm.

Abel Drugger – An eager and bumbling tobacconist looking for alchemical help to succeed in business.

Sir Epicure Mammon – A flamboyant and gluttonous nobleman obsessed with the promise of boundless riches and pleasure.

Tribulation Wholesome – A zealous Anabaptist minister drawn into the schemes through greed.

Ananias – Tribulation's stern and fanatical deacon, eager to further their religious ambitions.

Kastril – A brash and quarrelsome young man hoping to learn the art of “quarreling” to defend his honor.

Dame Pliant – Kastril's shy and impressionable sister, who becomes a pawn in the con artists' schemes.

Lovewit – The unsuspecting master of the house who returns to disrupt the con artists' operations.

Neighbors and Visitors – Various townspeople and marks drawn into the con artists' schemes.