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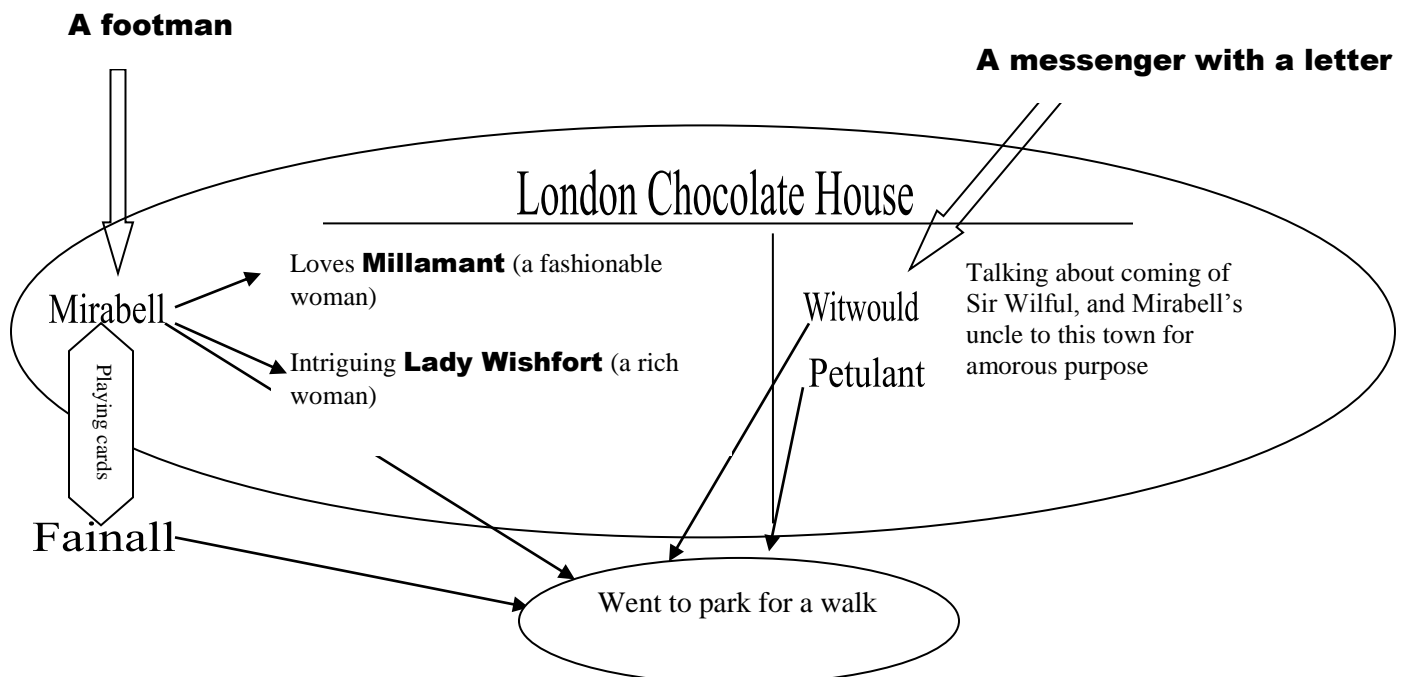
CRITICAL STUDY OF THE WAY OF THE WORLD WITH MIND MAP

ACT-I The play opens at London Chocolate House when Mirabell (The hero of the play) and Mr. Fainall (Son-in-law of richly lady Wishfort) just finish the game of card. From their conversation it is clear that Mirabell is in love with beautiful Millamant. Millamant would get her share of inheritance only if she marries with the consent of her aunt Lady Wishfort who would not give her consent evidently. Mirabell pretended to love Lady Wishfort to conceal his love to Mirabell. When it was disclosed to the lady felt insulted and became very much angry. As consequence the Lady hates Mirabell a lot.

Mr. Fainall went away and a footman informed Mirabell that his trusted servant, Waitwell had married Lady Wishfort's maid, Foibles. Mirabell became very happy to get the news because something was in his mind though it was not revealed in this act I.

A messenger came with a letter in hand to deliver to Witwoud (a fashionable fop) by own hand. In this letter Witwoud who was in the next room was informed that his brother, Sir Wilful, belonged to a noble family, was coming to the town to court Millamant. He and Petulant (another fashionable fop) were talking about their affection to Millamant. They also were talking about some uncle of Mirabell who was also coming to the town to court Lady Wishfort.

During this time Fainall told Witwoud that Mirabell was a warm lover, but Witwoud informed that Millamant was not constant in love as it is a fashion to her. So Mirabell would not get her heart. All of them (Mirabell, Fainall, Witwoud and Petulant) decided to go to the park for a walk as the girl had promised to come there. Mirabell warned Witwoud not to pass obscene comments to the pretty women as it was dirty habit.





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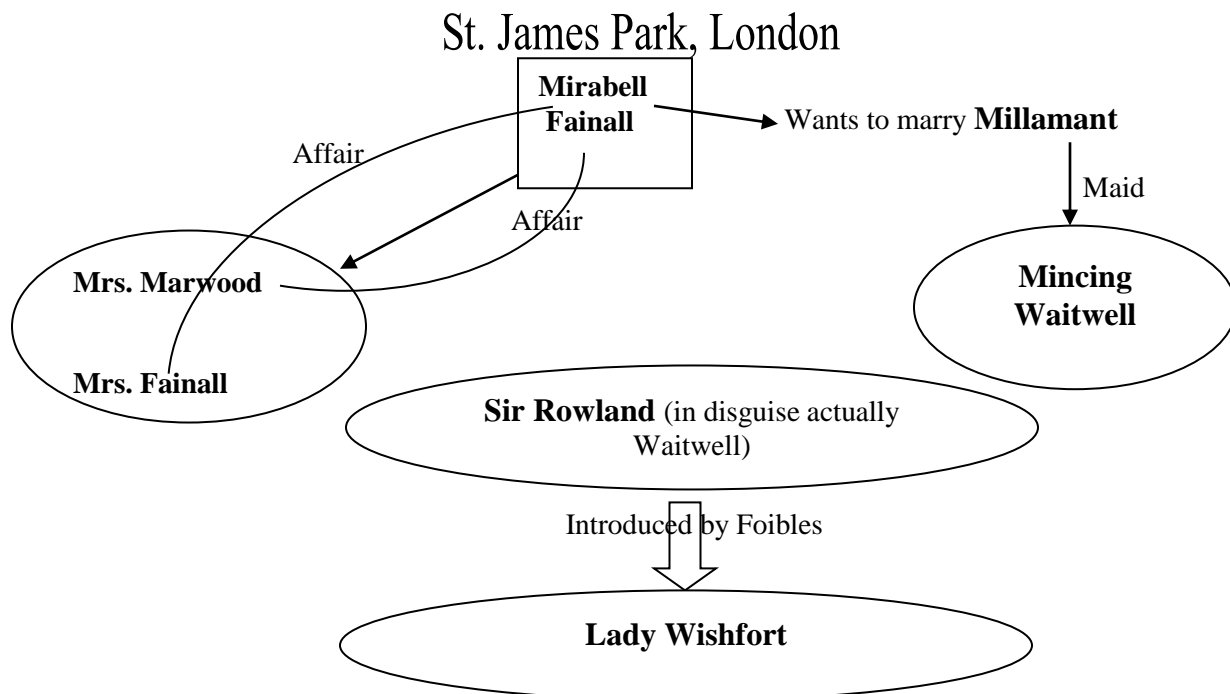
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ACT II The scene occurs at St. James Park, London. Mrs. Fainall and Mrs. Marwood are seen in deep conversation. They both pretend to hate mankind for they are so inconstant and unreliable. Mrs. Fainall remarks, “Men look upon us with horror and distaste; they meet us like ghosts of what we were and as from such fly from us.” But Mrs. Marwood holds a different opinion. She says that she pretends to hate mankind, only to please Lady Wishfort, the mother of Mrs. Fainall. At last both of them shake hands and become agree with each other in the matter of hatred towards men. Their conversation about Mirabell reveals that Mrs. Marwood is in love with him.

In the meantime Mirabell and Fainall come there. Mr. and Mrs. Fainall greet each other but their remark reveals the hostility between their relation. Mrs. Fainall then begins to talk aside with Mirabell. Being left alone Mrs. Marwood and Mr. Fainall starts conversation from which it is clear that they are in love. On the other hand the relation of Mirabell and Mrs. Fainall throws light on the fact that Mrs. Fainall marries Mr. Fainall only to hide her relation to Mirabell. Mirabell tells her about his plan of marrying Millamant and befooling Lady Wishfort. He is also afraid of Waitwell who may do plan to marry actually Millamant though he has just married Foibles.

Now Millamant with her maid, Mincing and Waitwell first appear before the audience. She is beautiful and attractive of special charm for which Mirabell is like a toy to her hand. She is informed of the Mirabell’s plan by Foibles. Then Mirabell comes and praises Millamant and her beauty. They talk in poetic language. Their conversation reveals that Millamant is a born coquette.

Waitwell and Foible now arrive to get further instructions from Mirabell. Foible informs Mirabell that she has already told Lady Wishfort that Sir Rowland has fallen in love with her. Mirabell has promised her to give well stocked farm if their plan gets success. Foible takes leave in hurry because she has to reach home before Mrs. Marwood otherwise her Lady may angry with her. Mirabell and Waitwell also go away with the end of this act.





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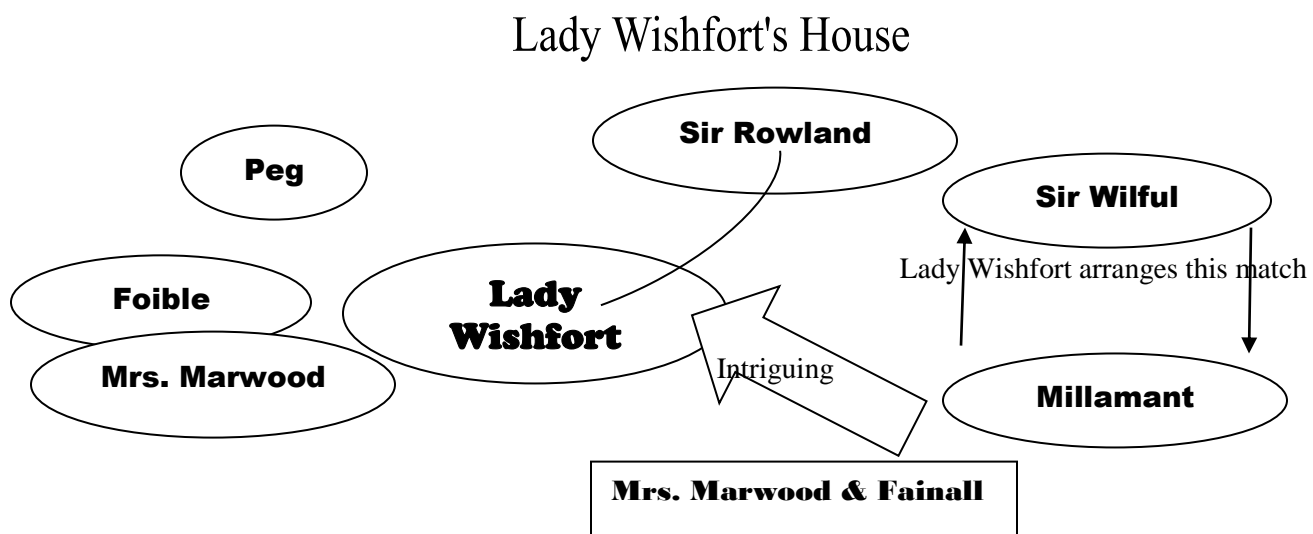
ACT III The scene occurs at Lady Wishfort's House. The woman is busy in her toilet and her maid is attending her. Foibles is not there yet so she becomes angry with her. Foible is very intimate to her and so she knows the things where. Being annoyed she orders Peg (maid servant) to bring drink. At this moment Mrs. Marwood comes back and she is very intimate friend of Lady Wishfort. She informs the Lady that she (Mrs. Marwood) has seen Foible to talk Mirabell. Listening this Lady becomes very agitated as she doesn't like Mirabell and fears if Foibles discloses that she (Lady) is going to marry Sir Rowland. Mirabell may interrupt this occasion.

Then Foible comes and Lady asks Mrs. Marwood to leave them alone for a while as she (Lady) may inquire of whether Foibles has told Mirabell anything. Foibles informs her that she has told nothing to Mirabell and wins her confidence. She adds that on the way of coming home she happened to come across Mirabell in the park and so could not help talking to him (Mirabell). She also suggests the Lady better to marry Sir Rowland and if they have any child the Mirabell would get no share of their family fortune and he would die of starve and beggar.

Then the Lady becomes confident and concentrates into toilet. She asks her maids to make her beautiful as she is in the picture which has been send to Sir Rowland. She tries many cosmetics to hide her wrinkle on face. In the meantime Mrs. Fainall comes back home to prevent Mrs. Marwood from informing about Foibles but she comes to know that it has been done. Foible tells her that she has managed the situation and made the Lady confident. When Mrs. Fainall and Foibles are talking of this and Mirabell's plan, Mrs. Marwood listens all these from some hidden place even Waitwell is in disguise of Sir Rowland. Mrs. Marwood is now determined to spoil the plan upon the Lady.

Mrs. Marwood suggests the Lady to make the match for her nephew, Sir Wilful and Millamant. The Lady becomes agree and decides to tell Sir Wilful who is coming there that day evening. Now foibles informs her that Witwoud and Petulant have come there and they want to dine with her. The Lady asks Mrs. Marwood to entertain them for a while and she would complete her toilet with Foible.

Now all the gentlemen Witwoud, Petulant, Sir Wilful (Witwoud's brother) reach there for dinner. But Witwoud refuses to recognize his brother and his brother also fails to recognize his brother, Witwoud. It creates funny situation there. Then being alone Mrs. Marwood describes Mirabell's plan before Fainall. The later being cuckold wants to take revenge. They make plan to blackmail the Lady as her daughter is betraying her husband Fainall and informs the Lady about Mirabell's plan in time by a letter. All of them go to perform their duty as per their plan.





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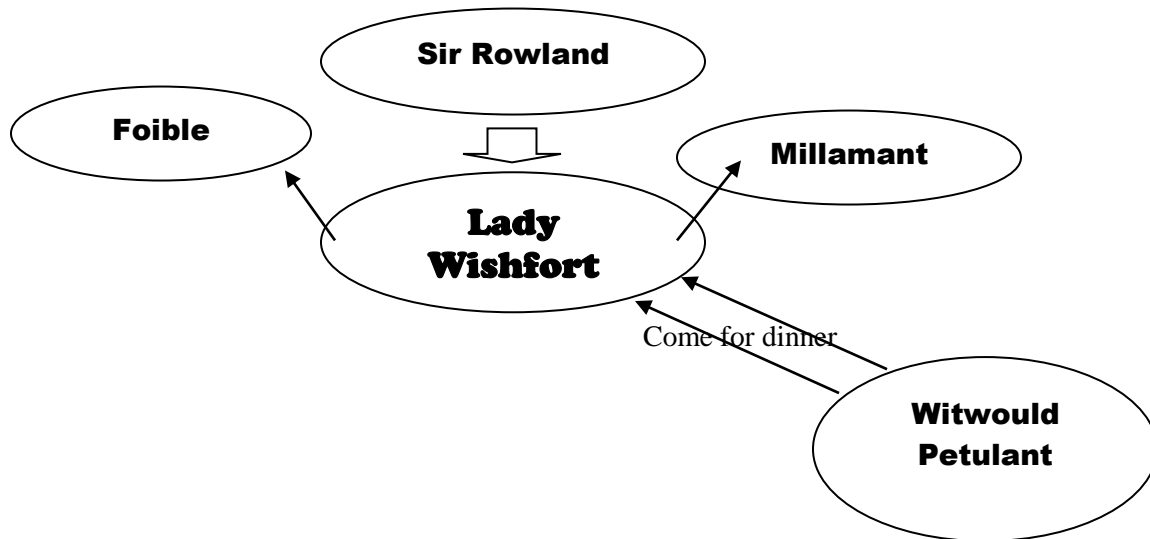
ACT IV This scene also occurs at Lady Wishfort's house. The Lady is very anxious to receive Sir Rowland. At this moment Foibles informs Sir Rowland has come. The Lady sends Foibles and Millamant to receive Sir Rowland. When Millamant and Mrs. Fainall come, Foibles informs Millamant that Mirabell is waiting for her to talk. Being thoughtful Millamant denies to meet Mirabell at that moment.

When Millamant is alone and reciting verse, Sir Wilful enters. Being very much drunken he misunderstands Millamant. At last Millamant tells him to leave her alone and Sir Wilful goes back to his friends to drink more. During this time Mirabell comes to Millamant and the famous bargaining scene starts. Here Congreve reveals his own attitude towards love and marriage.—A marriage can be happy and successful only if the 'otherness' of other individuals is duly respected. They two are agree with these condition.

Witwould and Petulant appears quarrelling over Millamant and they go away in the same. Lady Wishfort is disgusted with her nephew Sir Wilful who has drunk excessively and told obscene language. Millamant goes away from the place seeing the situation irritating.

Then Sir Rowland enters the situation and tells the Lady to marry her without any delay. The Lady also agrees to do so. In the meantime a messenger deliver a letter (Mrs. Marwood's letter informing the truth of Sir Rowland is actually Waitwell in disguise)to the Lady. She becomes very angry. But Foible and Sir Rowland make up the situation. They convince the Lady again that it is Mirabell's plan to break her match.

Lady Wishfort's House





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ACT V It also happens at Lady Wishfort's House. The Lady now comes to know the plan clearly. Foibles tries to make up the situation in vain. On the other hand Fainall proposes his demands. He wants the fortune of 6000 pounds of Millamant who rejects the man selected by her aunt, Lady Wishfort. He also demands the rest fortune of Mrs. Fainall, daughter of Lady Wishfort as she is unfaithful wife of him. Moreover Lady Wishfort could not do marry Sir Rowland for he in future he would be the only heir of the family fortune. The Lady becomes agree at the terms and condition as Mrs. Marwood also convinces her.

Then Sir Wilful and Millamant enter the situation. Millamant declares that she is agree to marry Sir Wilful as per her (Lady Wishfort) choice. With this obedience the Lady becomes very happy but she denies to see the face of Sir Wilful again. So they promise to leave house and go to abroad. Mirabell begs her pardon for deceiving her and as punishment he sacrifices his love for Millamant.

Mrs. Marwood preventing the situation tries to execute the terms in favor of Fainall but Mirabell calls in Mrs. Fainall, Foibles and Mincing to prove that Mrs. Marwood is unfaithful and the charge of immorality brought by Fainall against his wife now recoils upon his own head.

Fainall and Mrs. Marwood leave the stage in anger. Now the Lady comes to know that Fainall is a villain and Mrs. Marwood is not her faithful friend. So she forgives Mirabell who can marry Millamant with her consent.

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