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**ENTER A FREE MAN** Tue 25 - Sat 29  
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Dramatisation of Pratchett's latest Discworld novel. Tickets: 17  
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Newly written traditional-style pant (16)

**Enter a Free Man**, by Tom Stoppard

at the Burton Taylor Keeble College - 7.30pm daily, until Sat 29th Jan - £7.50 (£5.50)

Tom Stoppard is best known for some of the brainiest plays of recent years, covering themes as varied as quantum physics, moral philosophy and nineteenth-century Russian politics. His early work, *Enter a Free Man* is a slightly different kettle of fish. Located in 1960s suburbia, it covers more everyday themes of misapprehension, family discord and self-deception in a department store.

The central character is George, a tragicomic figure who believes himself to be a great, undiscovered inventor. He tinkers in his workshop all day, coming up with ridiculous and useless devices, while his long-suffering wife, Persephone, cleans and puts food on the table and his teenage daughter, Linda, works in a department store to provide her mum and dad with pocket money.

George escapes with his weekly ten bob note to the local pub, where he holds forth, attempting to persuade strangers that he really is a neglected genius. Meanwhile, at home, Linda is increasingly frustrated by her father's bizarre behaviour, and decides to dole with her boyfriend. But she too, we realize, lives to some degree in a world of fantasy and escapism.

It's an old play - funny, engaging and moving in parts, but somehow lacking in focus. It is an absurd comedy - Ionesco meets Reginald Perrin? Or a kitchen sink drama depicting a family coping with mental illness? Or a gentle laugh on the ways we all lie to make life more bearable? All these strands are present, but fail to produce a satisfying

whole, and the play is occasionally repetitive and too long to carry its slender premise.

Despite a couple of first-night technical hitches, the Collapsible Theatre group did a fine job. Andrew Hollingbury gave a good interpretation of George, switching from boastful to whining to pathetic and eliciting real sympathy at the end. The best performances, though, came from Lotte Wakham as Linda and the excellent Poppy Burton-Morgan as Persephone; the scenes between these two were the highlight of the evening.

For me, an interesting but ultimately disappointing moment from a playwright who went on to far greater things - but don't let this put you off going along to make up your own mind, and enjoy some fine acting in the process.

**GIGS**  
**Thurs 27th**  
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