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## Beautiful Lesson of the I

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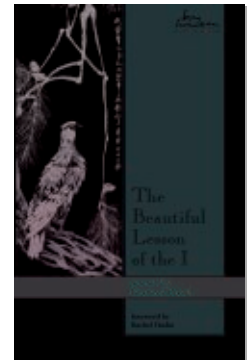
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## THEATRICAL OF CLOWNS

*Children's musical cylinders revolve and the circus troop gathers  
in the natural light of the garden.*

*Characters assemble, wearing stiff white collars of rococo clowns.*

*Pierrot is pulled into the sweetened middle, surrounded by ornamental  
trees and shrubs.*

*Sea rhythms scoop against the bedlam.*

Columbine (glancing at the red and white painted clown):

*"I don't know what to do!*

*I've pushed that garlanded mule as far as he'll go!"*

Harlequin bashes Pierrot

with a wooden stick.

Wrapped in his loneliness,

Pierrot rolls on the ground like an egg.

Before lighting his gunpowder, Punchinello

leaps in a series of hand-flips: *"I'll ruin the lot of you!"*

The air fills with alternating bells of finger cymbals.

*"How will you transform that restlessness into beauty?"* asks Mouse.