We prepared a play that consists of the culture of Turkish folk characters.Let’s learn about these characters at first.

**KELOĞLAN:** Keloglan which means "bald boy" in English is a well known Turkish folk tale character.He is fatherless and lives with his old mother.He has big dreams,he is honured, helpful and romantic. At the beginning he seems clumsy and lazy but the events he experienced shows that he is brave, talented and cunning and then he becomes happy.

**NASREDDİN HODJA:** Nasreddin Hodja is one of the most important and popular character of Turkish Literature.Nasreddin Hoca was a philosopher, wise, witty man with a good sense of humor.He was very clever and had an answer to almost all the problems and the dilemmas of his time.His stories have been told almost everywhere in the world.People in Turkey still laugh and think about his tricks, common sense, anecdotes and ingeniousness.

**HACİVAT &KARAGÖZ:**

Hacivat and Karagöz are the lead characters of the traditional Turkish shadow play.They were born in Bursa.The central theme of the plays are constrasting interaction between the two main characters. Karagöz represents the illiterate but straightforward public, whereas Hacivat belongs to the educated class.Karagöz’snative wit always gets the better of Hacivat’s learning.

**TEMEL-DURSUN:**

When we think of Turkish national humor,the first thing that comes to our mind is the” Laz jokes”.The people of the eastern Black Sea region in Turkey are called Laz.Temel is a prominent character of Laz jokes.He also has a friend,Dursun.They are actually known to be clever,but sometimes they make major mistakes which become the subject of many jokes.Laz jokes can be compared to Irish jokes told in England and Polish jokes told in the U.S.

LIKE A DREAM

Protagonist(Main character): Where has this mortarboard come from?Has someone got a graduation ceremony? What profession will I ever chooose? What sort of a life will I lead?

There were great fairy tales, jokes and stuff when I was a kid. Life was so easy. I wish everything were that easy,just like they were in those tales. Anyway, it’s too early for me to think about these things, I ‘ve got too much time.

The child falls a sleep and has a dream…

KELOĞLAN AND HIS MOTHER:

Mother: Son, you have an exam tomorrow, why don’t you study?

Keloğlan: Take it easy, mother! I have still got time, I will study later.

Mother: Will you, son? You should set your goal at the right time and start working toward it. If you manage your time properly, you will reach your goals!

**Keloğlan:** Okay mom! I am going to study now!

(Mother leaves the room,but Keloğlan goes on playing)

Keloğlan: Oh! It’s ten o’clock, time to go bed.

(in the morning)

Keloğlan: Oh my God! Oh man! I have got an English exam today. I couldn’t spend my time efficiently, I couldn’t study. What am I gonna do now? I wish I had listened to momand studied for my exam. I am so sorry!

NASREDDİN HODJA :

Selamün Aleykumm !!Hi people,listen to me, people call me as Nasreddin Hodja,and I refer you to get at the truth by my chatting and advice.

Look at Keloğlan, If he had listened his mother’s advice,that would not happened. Be careful !Timing is important.You should save your time and spend it well.Also,you should discover yourself.

You !Perhaps,you can draw pictures well,

You! Perhaps ,you can sing songs well,

And you !Perhaps you can cook well.

Do you know anythıng about your own talents?You should set goals up to your abilities.

HACİVAT & KARAGÖZ:

Karagöz:I have found,Hacivat

Hacivat:What have you found?

Karagöz:I have just decided which job I’m dealing with in the future?

Hacivat:Which job is it?

Karagöz:I want to be a tailor.

Hacivat:What do you know about tailoring?

Karagöz: I know Haci cav cav.I cut the fabric with scissors and then sew with needle.So I got pants,jackets…everything.

Hacivat:It is not so easy !At first,you have to be educated about tailoring.Otherwise only you, just wear your own clothes.

Karagöz:Ok,Hacivat.I can,but where can I get this education.İs ıt for sale?Can I buy it from grandbazaar?or where?

Hacivat: ohh! You misunderstood me.Education is not a thing that you go and buy from anywhere.You should decide on your job and then go to a school and be educated about it.

Karagöz:I got it.Hacivat.It is not enough to have scissors and sew.I have to be educated.

Hacivat:Well done,Karagöz.You understand at the end.Let’s go and register to a tailoring school.

**TEMEL AND DURSUN**

Temel and Dursun meet in a cafe on Sunday morning.They are close friends.Dursun is looking at his coffee thoughtfully.Temel is so happy to see Dursun but when he becomes closer,he understands that something is getting worse.

Temel: Dursun ,what happened?why are you so thoughtfully?

Dursun: ohhh,Temel.You know that I’m a doctor that nearly everybody wants to have a career about it.But I had not choosen this job.I didn’t want to be a doctor,this wasn’t my occupational choice.Because I didn’t chose this job,I haven’t been happy for a long time in my business and social life.

I wished I had been a journalist in the past.Helping and saving life of people is wonderful but I wish a life more different than it.

Temel:You are not so late.If you want to be happy and willing,you will manage to.

Dursun:No,it is late for me.Now,You have a career that you dreamed in the past.And I’m sure that you are happy,aren’t you?

Temel: Yes.I’m so happy that I have an occupation that I dreamed in my childhood.I learn many things everyday.Especially treating injured animals makes me happy.I am happy to be a vet,Temel.

Dursun:Yes, you are;but I am not.

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The child wakes up.Mother comes.

Mother:hey my daughter.Let’s go outside and play.

Child:No mummy.I have many important things to do for my future.

At first.I have to save time as I see in Keloğlan;

I have to discover my abilities as I see in Nasreddin Hodja;

I have to think about my future school life as I see in Hacivat and Karagöz;

and I have to dream about the proper job for myself as I see in Temel and Dursun.