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A PLAY READING OF
PARKINSON'S BEQUEST

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THE BATES HALL, BLACKHEATH
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Sydney Parkinson, acclaimed for his botanical art on Captain Cook's Endeavour, perished at sea, leaving behind works and missing possessions. Stanfield, his brother, accused Joseph Banks of theft, unsuccessfully pursuing legal action and dying in an asylum.

Two and a half centuries later, Rowena arrives in Sydney on a mission to recover Parkinson's Bequest. Suspecting her half-sister Hanna of concealing these treasures, she seeks Neil's help while Hanna is away. A night of chaos ensues, involving Hanna's son Patrick, his carer Gordon, Neil's father Vince with atypical Alzheimer's, and an imagined confidant, Alfie. Amid this turmoil, Patrick witnesses the shocking truth behind The Parkinson's Bequest amid domestic upheaval, becoming the sole witness to a startling revelation.

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