

## Dona Consolacion

- . Wife of the Alferez
- . A native who also considers herself as one of the Peninsulares
  - Dresses like a ragged Spanish mestiza
  - Wears overabundance of makeup
- . Kept locked in the house by his husband
- . Described as someone with a terrible and spiteful personality
  - Often criticizes and insults other people (Envious of other people's good fortune)
  - Made up lies and stories of other people to make their lives miserable

- Claims herself to be even better than Maria Clara
- Abused Sisa
- . Pretends to not know tagalog, uses signs to make herself understood
- . Forehead had swollen veins
- . Her eyes and voice were sinister and cold

## Symbolism

- . The product of dehumanization of the Indios by the Spanish colonizers
  - Lack of proper education
  - Used to work as a laundry woman
  - Never experienced comfort

- . During Rizal's time, there was a notion of inferiority amongst the Filipinos to the Spanish colonizers
  - (Such thinking won't lead our country to any progress nor growth)
  - Instead of abandoning our identity, we should be embracing our own in order to help our country instead of giving up on it.
  - "Oh youth! Still dreaming until now. You ask Spain for equal rights but what you are gaining are chains.
  - You aspire to become Spaniards not realizing you're killing your own identity."

- We destroy our own opportunities for growth by assuming we can never be greater as a nation