

## Cymbeline abbreviated

Act 5, Scene 5

### Disclosure No. 1

**Situation: Brought forward by the King and asked about his diamond ring, Iachimo tells the King and others how he came to have the ring, all to his honorable credit.**

CYMBELINE: That diamond upon your finger, say how came it yours.

IACHIMO: Thou'lt torture me to leave unspoken that which to be spoke would torture thee.

CYMBELINE: How? Me?

IACHIMO: By villainy I got this ring. 'Twas Leonatus' jewel, whom thou didst banish, and a nobler sir ne'er lived 'twixt sky and ground. Wilt thou hear more, my lord?

CYMBELINE: All that belongs to this.

IACHIMO: That paragon, thy daughter --- give me leave, I faint.

CYMBELINE: My daughter? What of her? Renew thy strength. Strive, and, and speak.

#### Iachimo to Cymbeline

**It began when he spoke of your daughter's  
Honest features; those men seek that are hers.  
And I made light of his praise, wagering  
Pieces of gold 'gainst this ring, which he then  
Wore, to attain by wooing her, winning  
The ring through double adultery. When  
He stakes this ring, I away to Britain,  
Figuring that my clever Italian  
Brain can operate vilely was my bet.  
I returned with the evidence I'd won,  
Notes of thus and thus; this her bracelet  
And some marks of secret on her person,  
All convincing him 'twas honor she lacked,  
And that her bond of chastity had cracked.**

Posthumus comes forward.