

## Othello abbreviated

Act 1, Scene 3

### Deviousness

**Situation:** The Moor accepts the assignment in Cyprus, but his acceptance is conditioned on getting to take his wife with him. His request is accepted by both the Duke and Brabantio. Roderigo gets over his loss of Desdemona and accepts Iago's offer to "unite in our revenge against him," the Moor.

RODERIGO: Where shall we meet i' th' morning?

IAGO: At my lodging. No more of drowning, do you hear?

RODERIGO: I am changed.

IAGO: Go, farewell. Put money enough in your purse.

RODERIGO: I'll sell all my land.

He exits.

### Iago to himself, No. 1

For I should misuse my own gained knowledge  
If I were to spend time along this edge  
For such a man but for sport and profit.  
Since 'tis thought abroad that the Moor has wronged  
Me, my suspicion of it doth just it.  
Better the Moor holds me well, having longed  
To work my purpose on him. Cassio's  
A proper man. I'll abuse Othello's  
Ear that Cassio is too familiar  
With his wife, since smooth-tongued Cassio at  
Once can make women false with a manner  
Pleasing them. The Moor thinks men honest that  
But seem to be, and will as tenderly  
Be led by th' nose as can asses be.