

Othello abbreviated

Act 5, Scene 2.2

Remorse

Situation: Othello learns from Emilia that her husband, Iago, is the one who has been false through this whole sorry episode. Emilia then confronts her husband directly. He suggests she back off, which she doesn't, so he kills her. It's at this point where a broken Othello, about to be arrested, displays his remorse.

OTHELLO: I am not valiant neither. Why should the reputation of being honorable outlast honor itself. I have another weapon in this chamber. O, here it is. Uncle, I must come forth.

GRATIANO WITHIN: If thou attempt it, it will cost thee dear.

OTHELLO: Look in upon me, then, and speak with me.

Gratiano enters.

GRATIANO: What is the matter?

Othello to Gratiano

**Behold, uncle, I have a weapon; no
Soldier ever had one better. I owe
This sword much, for with this little arm it
Hath served me through many an obstacle.
A vain boast; fate's now in charge, not my wit
That has carried me through this journey full,
That now ends. Do not back off dismayed; men
Need no longer fear to rush at me when
I have no where to go. O Desdemon,
When we meet on my day this look of thine
Will hurl my soul from heaven to atone
For this wrong; devils will whip and roast mine
Scarred soul in sulfur, and then I'll be led
Through the depths of fire. Desdemona, dead.**

Lodovico, Cassio (in a chair), Montano and Iago (guarded) enter.

LODOVICO: Where is this rash and most unfortunate man?

OTHELLO: That's he that was Othello. Here I am.

LODOVICO: Where is that viper?

Iago is brought forward. Othello stabs him.

LODOVICO: Wrench his sword from him.

Othello is disarmed.