




THE MERCHANT OF VENICE

SHYLOCK AND HIS IMPORTANT SPEECHES

ACT I

- He is sufficient; yet his means are in supposition: he hath an Argosy bound to Tripolis; another to the Indies ; ... But ships are but boards, sailors are but men ; there be land-rats and water-rats, water-thieves and land- thieves, I mean pirates , and then there is the peril of waters, winds and rocks. The man is , notwithstanding , sufficient .

(cautious and calculated)


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- Why, look you , how you storm !
I would be friends with you and have your love.
Forget the shames that you have stain'd me
with . (hypocrite)
 - You call me misbeliever, cut-throat dog,
And spit upon my Jewish gaberdine,....'Hath a
dog money? Is it possible a cur can lend three
thousand ducats...Fair sir, you spit on me
Wednesday last. (angry at the ill treatment)

ACT 2

- I am bid forth to supper, Jessica:
There are my keys. But wherefore should I go?
I am not bid for love; they flatter me:
But yet I'll go in hate to feed upon
The prodigal Christian. –Jessica, my girl,
Look to my house. I am right loath to go.
(practical minded)
- The patch is kind enough, but a huge feeder,
Snail-slow in profit, and he sleeps by day.
(harsh attitude towards the servant)

ACT 3

- To bait fish withal. If it will feed nothing else, it will feed my revenge. He hath disgraced me, and hindered me half a million, laughed at my losses, mocked at my gains scorned my nation, thwarted my bargains, cooled my friends, heated mine enemies -...I am a Jew. Hath not a Jew eyes ? hath not a Jew hands, organs, dimensions, senses, affections, passions ?...If you prick us, do we not bleed ? ...If you poison us, do we not die? And if you wrong, shall we not revenge ?
(grief stricken heart)

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- Two thousand ducats in that, and other precious, precious jewels. I would my daughter were dead at my foot...the ducats in her coffin!
(loves money more than his daughter)
 - I'll have my bond. I will not hear thee speak.
I'll have my bond, and therefore speak no more.
(revengeful , adamant and rigid)

ACT 4

- If you deny me, fie upon your law!
There is no force in the decrees of Venice.
I stand for judgement: answer, shall I have it?
(bold)
- May, take my life and all; pardon not that:
You take my house: when you do take the prop
That doth sustain my house. You take my life
When you do take the means whereby I live.
(sense of repentance)

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