

Othello, Episode 3

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Cassio asks Desdemona to persuade Othello to reinstate him to his post. Desdemona sympathises with Cassio and promises to help. Othello sees Cassio leaving Desdemona and is troubled by Jago's suggestion that Desdemona is unfaithful to him. When Desdemona speaks on Cassio's behalf it seems particularly suspicious to Othello. Desdemona's proximity calms him down for a moment, but Jago continues to fuel doubts. He hints that if Desdemona keeps talking about Cassio's reinstatement, it could be a sign of a secret affair between the two. Othello demands proof, Jago promises to find it. While fooling around with Othello, Desdemona loses her handkerchief which Jago's wife Emilia then finds. This handkerchief becomes Jago's main evidence of Desdemona's infidelity. Jago says he saw the handkerchief in Cassio's hand and Othello's jealousy erupts again. He decides to kill Desdemona. Jago must kill Cassio.

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