

Measure for Measure

Photo Summary



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"Your scope is as mine own, so to enforce or qualify the laws as to your soul seems good"
- Duke,
ACT I, SC I

The Duke, leader of Vienna, places Angelo in charge and then pretends to leave town but instead dresses as a friar to observe his people.



2

Angelo arrests Claudio for impregnating Juliet before they were married and sentences him to death.

"Thus can the demi-god, Authority, make us pay down for our offence by weight."
- Claudio, ACT I, SC II.



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"Go to Lord Angelo, and let him learn to know, when maidens sue, men give like gods."
- Lucio,
ACT I SC IV

Lucio convinces Claudio's sister, Isabella, to plead for her brother's life.



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Elbow, a constable, brings two prisoners, Pompey and Froth, before Angelo, who eventually leaves their trial to Escalus.

"How would you live, Pompey? By being a bawd? What do you think of the trade, Pompey? Is it a lawful trade?"
- Escalus, ACT II SC I



5

Angelo will let Claudio live if Isabella agrees to have sexual intercourse with him. She refuses.

"Sign me a present pardon for my brother, or with an outstretch'd throat, I'll tell the world aloud what man thou art" - Isabella, ACT II SC IV

"Wilt thou be made a man out of my vice?"
- Isabella, ACT III SC I.



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As Isabella tells Claudio she will not yield up her virginity, he pleads with her to let him live even on these terms.



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The Duke, dressed as the friar, intervenes and forms a plan involving Angelo's former lover, Mariana, who will go to Angelo in Isabella's place.

"If the encounter acknowledge itself hereafter, it may compel him to her recompense; and hear, by this is your brother saved, your honour untainted, the poor Mariana advantaged, and the corrupt deputy scaled."

- Duke, ACT III SC I

"No, indeed will I not, Pompey; it is not the wear. I will pray, Pompey, to increase your bondage."

- Lucio, ACT III SC II



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Pompey is carried off to prison, and Lucio refuses to provide bail money for him.



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Lucio slanders the Duke to the "Friar."

"I never heard the absent Duke much detected for women; he was not inclined that way."

Duke, ACT III SC. II



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Mistress Overdone, the bawd who is also arrested, tells Escalus that Lucio fathered an illegitimate child with Kate Keepdown.

"My Lord, this is one Lucio's information against me, Mistress Kate Keep-down was with child by him in the Duke's time, he promised her marriage." -Mistress Overdone, ACT III SC II



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Mariana agrees to go to Angelo in Isabella's place.

"She'll take the enterprise upon her, father, if you advise it." - Isabella, ACT IV SC I

"One Ragozine, a most notorious pirate, a man of Claudio's years; his beard and head just of his colour. What if we do omit this reprobate till he were well inclin'd and satisfy the deputy with the visage of Ragozine, more like to Claudio?" - Provost, ACT IV



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The provost, after the "Friar's" convincing, sends Angelo the head of a dead pirate, and Angelo, believing it to be Claudio's, thinks his orders have been obeyed to go ahead and kill Claudio anyway.

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“Unhappy Claudio!
Wretched Isabel!
Injurious world!
Most damned Angelo!”
- Isabella, ACT IV, SC III.

Claudio will be safely hidden in a secret prison cell, but Isabella is told by the “Friar” that her brother is dead and that she will soon be able to get revenge on Angelo when the Duke returns.

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Angelo, after finding out the Duke is returning, expresses his anguish that he has raped Isabella and killed Claudio.

“Alack, when once our grace we have forgot, nothing goes right; we would, and we would not.” - Angelo, ACT IV, SC IV.

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“These letters at fit time deliver me. The Provost knows our purpose and our plot.”
- Duke, ACT IV SC V

The Duke makes plans with Friar Peter, whom he sends away on errands.

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The Duke arrives, and Isabella is arrested for slander at accusing Angelo of violating her chastity.

“To prison with her! Shall we thus permit a blasting and a scandalous breath to fall on him so near us?”
- Duke, ACT V SC I

17



Angelo protests his innocence and refuses that Mariana is his wife.

“Was fast belock'd in thine: this is the body that took away the match from Isabel and did supply thee at thy garden-house.” - Mariana, ACT V SC I

“Show your knave’s visage, with a pox to you! Show your sheep-biting face, and be hanged an hou! Will’t not off?”
- Lucio, ACT V SC I.

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The “Friar” is called for, and Lucio strips him of his hood, revealing the Duke.

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Mariana and Isabella plea for Angelo's life after he confesses to his crimes and is sentenced to marry Mariana and then be put to death.

"Let him not die. My brother had but justice, in that he did the thing for which he died."
- Isabella, ACT V SC I

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Claudio is revealed, and Angelo's death sentence is revoked.

"If he be like your brother, for his sake is he pardon'd."
- Duke, ACT V SC I

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Claudio is instructed to marry Juliet.

"She, Claudio, that you wrong'd look you restore."
- Duke, ACT V SC. I

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The duke offers his hand in marriage to Isabella, who doesn't reply.

"Dear Isabel, I have a motion much imports your good; whereto if you'll a willing ear incline, what's mine is yours, and what is yours is mine.." - Duke, ACT V SC I