

SHAKESPEARIENCE!

OTHELLO

PART 1 - Act III, scene 3: Othello, Iago

IAGO

Ha! I like not that.

OTHELLO

What dost thou say?

IAGO

Nothing, my lord: or if--I know not what.

OTHELLO

Was not that Cassio parted from my wife?

IAGO

Cassio, my lord! No, sure, I cannot think it,
That he would steal away so guilty-like, seeing you coming.

OTHELLO

I do believe 'twas he.

IAGO

Did Michael Cassio, when you woo'd my lady, know of your love?

OTHELLO

He did, from first to last: why dost thou ask?

IAGO

But for a satisfaction of my thought; no further harm.

OTHELLO

Why of thy thought, Iago?

IAGO

I did not think he had been acquainted with her.

OTHELLO

O, yes; and went between us very oft.

IAGO

Indeed!

OTHELLO

Indeed! ay, indeed: discern'st thou aught in that? Is he not honest?

IAGO

Honest, my lord!

OTHELLO

Honest! ay, honest.

IAGO

My lord, for aught I know.

OTHELLO

What dost thou think?

IAGO

Think, my lord!

OTHELLO

Think, my lord! By heaven, he echoes me, I heard thee say even now, thou likedst not that, when Cassio left my wife: what didst not like?
And when I told thee he was of my counsel in my whole course of wooing, thou criedst 'Indeed!' and didst contract and purse thy brow together, As if thou then hadst shut up in thy brain some horrible conceit: if thou dost love me, show me thy thought.

IAGO

My lord, you know I love you.

OTHELLO

I think thou dost; And, for I know thou'rt full of love and honesty, And weigh'st thy words before thou givest them breath.

IAGO

For Michael Cassio, I dare be sworn I think that he is honest.

OTHELLO

I think so too.

IAGO

Men should be what they seem.