

**THE QUALITY OF MERCY
FROM
THE MERCHANT OF VENICE**
-William shakespeare

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The Merchant of Venice



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MERCHANT
OF **VENICE**



Info

- 16th century play - Comedy
- 1596 -1599
- 1600 Folio
- a Merchant in Venice named Antonio defaults (**the failure to repay a debt**) on a large loan provided by a Jewish moneylender, [Shylock](#).

Also notable
is [Portia](#)'s speech
about "[the quality
of mercy](#)".



Themes

- Self-Interest Versus Love. ...
- The Divine Quality of Mercy. ...
- Friendship. ...
- Wealth. ...
- Prejudice. ...
- Revenge.

CHARACTERS

Antonio - a prominent merchant of Venice

Bassanio - Antonio's close friend; suitor to Portia; later the husband of Portia



Gratiano - friend of Antonio and Bassanio; in love with Nerissa; later the husband of Nerissa



Lorenzo - friend of Antonio and Bassanio; in love with Jessica; later the husband of Jessica



Portia - a rich heiress;
later the wife of
Bassanio

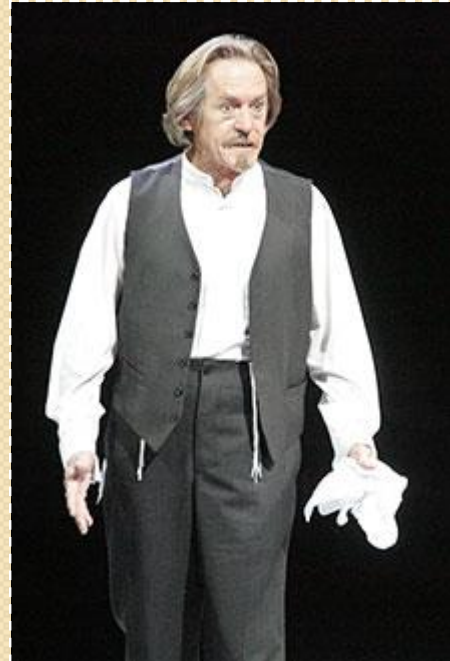
NERRRISA - – Portia's waiting
maid – in love with Gratiano;
later the wife of Gratiano;
disguises herself as Portia's
clerk



Balthazar - Portia's
servant



Stephano - Portia's
servant



**SHYLOCK - a miserly Jew;
moneylender; father of
Jessica**



**JESSICA - daughter of
Shylock, later the wife of
Lorenzo**





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