



Leaving Cert English

Free Notes

Othello

Act 3 – Scene 1

Summary Act 3

Scene 1

Beginning his campaign to win his way back into Othello's graces, Cassio sends musicians to play music beneath the general's window. However, it's clear that Othello is not impressed when he sends his servant, a clown, to tell the musicians to go away. Cassio asks the clown to coax Emilia to come speak with him, so that he can ask her for access to Desdemona. When the clown leaves, Iago enters and tells Cassio that he will send for Emilia straightaway and that he will also figure out a way to distract Othello, so that Cassio and Desdemona can confer privately. When Iago leaves, Emilia enters and reveals to Cassio that Othello and Desdemona have already been discussing his case. Desdemona has pleaded on Cassio's behalf, but Othello worries that Montano's influence and popularity in Cyprus would make Cassio's reappointment impractical, no matter how much Othello cares for his former lieutenant. Emilia allows Cassio to come in and tells him to wait for Desdemona.

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