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the position of Jews in
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 The Merchant of Venice is one of Shakespeare's most popular comedies, but it remains deeply controversial. The text may seem anti-Semitic; yet repeatedly, in performance, it has revealed a contrasting nature. Shylock, though vanquished in the law-court, often triumphs in the theatre. In his intensity he can dominate the play, challenging abrasively its romantic and lyrical affirmations. What results is a bitter-sweet drama. Though The Merchant of Venice offers some of the traditional pleasures of romantic comedy, it also exposes the operations of prejudice. Thus Shakespeare remains

our contemporary. Antonio, an antisemitic merchant, takes a loan from the Jew Shylock to help his friend to court Portia. Antonio can't repay the loan, and without mercy, Shylock demands a pound of his flesh. The heiress Portia, now the wife of Antonio's friend, dresses as a lawyer and saves Antonio. Venice. A street.[Enter ANTONIO, SALARINO, and SALANIO]ANTONIOIn sooth, I know not why I am so sad: It wearies me; you say it wearies you; But how I caught it, found it, or came by it, What stuff 'tis made of, whereof it is born, I am to learn; And such a want-wit sadness makes of me, That I have much ado to know myself.SALARINOYour

mind is tossing on the
ocean; There, where
your argosies with
portly sail, Like signiors
and rich burghers on
the flood, Or, as it
were, the pageants of
the sea, Do overpeer
the petty traffickers,
That curtsy to them, do
them reverence, As
they fly by them with
their woven
wings.SALANIOBelieve
me, sir, had I such
venture forth, The
better part of my
affections would Be
with my hopes abroad.
I should be still
Plucking the grass, to
know where sits the
wind, Peering in maps
for ports and piers and
roads; And every
object that might make
me fear Misfortune to
my ventures, out of
doubt Would make me
sad.SALARINO My wind
cooling my broth
Would blow me to an

ague, when I thought
What harm a wind too
great at sea might do. I
should not see the
sandy hour-glass run,
But I should think of
shallows and of flats,
And see my wealthy
Andrew dock'd in sand,
Vailing her high-top
lower than her ribs To
kiss her burial. Should I
go to church And see
the holy edifice of
stone, And not bethink
me straight of
dangerous rocks,
Which touching but my
gentle vessel's side,
Would scatter all her
spices on the stream,
Enrobe the roaring
waters with my silks,
And, in a word, but
even now worth this,
And now worth
nothing? Shall I have
the thought To think on
this, and shall I lack
the thought That such
a thing bechanced
would make me sad?

But tell not me; I know,
 Antonio Is sad to think
 upon his
 merchandise. ANTONIO
 Believe me, no: I thank
 my fortune for it, My
 ventures are not in one
 bottom trusted, Nor to
 one place; nor is my
 whole estate Upon the
 fortune of this present
 year: Therefore my
 merchandise makes
 me not
 sad. SALARINO Why,
 then you are in
 love. ANTONIO Fie,
 fie! SALARINO Not in
 love neither? Then let
 us say you are sad,
 Because you are not
 merry: and 'twere as
 easy For you to laugh
 and leap and say you
 are merry, Because
 you are not sad. Now,
 by two-headed Janus,
 Nature hath framed
 strange fellows in her
 time: Some that will
 evermore peep
 through their eyes And

laugh like parrots at a
 bag-piper, And other of
 such vinegar aspect
 That they'll not show
 their teeth in way of
 smile, Though Nestor
 swear the jest be
 laughable. [Enter
 BASSANIO, LORENZO,
 and
 GRATIANO] SALARINO Her
 e comes Bassanio, your
 most noble kinsman,
 Gratiano and Lorenzo.
 Fare ye well: We leave
 you now with better
 company. SALARINO I
 would have stay'd till I
 had made you merry, If
 worthier friends had
 not prevented
 me. ANTONIO Your
 worth is very dear in
 my regard. I take it,
 your own business calls
 on you And you
 embrace the occasion
 to
 depart. SALARINO Good
 morrow, my good
 lords.

The Merchant of Venice

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Enter PORTIA with her
waiting-woman
NERISSA.PORTIA.By my
troth, Nerissa, my little
body is awearry of this

great
world.NERISSA.You
would be, sweet
madam, if your
miseries were in the
same abundance as
your good fortunes are.
And yet, for aught I
see, they are as sick
that surfeit with too
much as they that
starve with nothing. It
is no mean happiness,
therefore, to be seated
in the mean.
Superfluity come
sooner by white hairs,
but competency lives
longer.PORTIA.Good
sentences, and well
pronounc'd.NERISSA.Th
ey would be better if
well followed.PORTIA.If
to do were as easy as
to know what were
good to do, chapels
had been churches,
and poor men's
cottages princes'
palaces. It is a good
divine that follows his
own instructions; I can

easier teach twenty
 what were good to be
 done than to be one of
 the twenty to follow
 mine own teaching.
 The brain may devise
 laws for the blood, but
 a hot temper leaps o'er
 a cold decree; such a
 hare is madness the
 youth, to skip o'er the
 meshes of good
 counsel the cripple. But
 this reasoning is not in
 the fashion to choose
 me a husband. O me,
 the word "choose"! I
 may neither choose
 who I would nor refuse
 who I dislike, so is the
 will of a living daughter
 curb'd by the will of a
 dead father. Is it not
 hard, Nerissa, that I
 cannot choose one, nor
 refuse
 none?NERISSA.Your
 father was ever
 virtuous, and holy men
 at their death have
 good inspirations.
 Therefore the lott'ry

that he hath devised in
 these three chests of
 gold, silver, and lead,
 whereof who chooses
 his meaning chooses
 you, will no doubt
 never be chosen by
 any rightly but one
 who you shall rightly
 love. But what warmth
 is there in your
 affection towards any
 of these princely
 suitors that are already
 come?PORTIA.I pray
 thee over-name them,
 and as thou namest
 them, I will describe
 them, and according to
 my description level at
 my affection.

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In this lively comedy of
 love and money in
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 to impress the wealthy
 heiress Portia but lacks
 the necessary funds.
 He turns to his

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Text and Performance

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Your silence and attention, worthy friends, That your free spirits may with more pleasing sense Relish the life of this our active scene: To which intent, to calm this murmuring breath, We ring this round with our invoking spells; If that your listening ears be yet prepar'd To entertain the subject of our play, Lend us your patience. Tis Peter Fabell, a renowned Scholler, Whose fame hath still been hitherto forgot By all the writers of this latter age. In Middle-sex his birth and his abode, Not full seven mile from this great famous City,

That, for his fame in sleights and magicke won, Was calde the merry Friend of Emonton. If any here make doubt of such a name, In Edmonton yet fresh unto this day, Fixt in the wall of that old antient Church, His monument remayneth to be seen; His memory yet in the mouths of men, That whilst he lived he could deceive the Devill. Imagine now that whilst he is retirde From Cambridge back unto his native home, Suppose the silent, sable visagde night Casts her black curtain over all the World; And whilst he sleeps within his silent bed, Toiled with the studies of the passed day, The very time and hour wherein that spirit That many years attended his command, And often

times twixt Cambridge and that town Had in a minute borne him through the air, By composition twixt the fiend and him, Comes now to claim the Scholler for his due. *New Critical Essays* Psychology Press The Merchant of Venice of the Ratna Sagar Shakespeare Series is enriched with text based on the A W Verity edition, line-by-line translation of text into modern English, plenty of short notes that explain and interpret the text, summary of each scene, as well as useful commentary on the life and times of Shakespeare, Elizabethan theatre, literary sources, characters, figures of speech, and artwork that brings to life significant episodes in

the story. This enriched edition of *The Merchant of Venice* has exhaustive annotations and notes. Set in Venice and Belmont, the play deals with the themes of friendship, mercy, trust, money, and prejudice. It depicts many aspects of the society of the times - social classes and segregation, and trading and commerce. The play opens with Antonio, the merchant of Venice, troubled about his ships at sea. As Bassanio enters the scene, the audience gets a clear picture of the affection that Antonio holds for him. Bassanio pours out his heart to Antonio about his desire to marry the beautiful and rich heiress Portia in Belmont. It is revealed that Bassanio is an extravagant youth,

who has spent most of his inheritance, and wishes to marry Portia partly out of love, and partly to repair his fortunes. It is usual for Bassanio to ask Antonio for financial aid, and he does so now again. But Antonio's 'fortunes are at sea', and he asks Bassanio to take credit in his name from whoever is willing to lend in Venice. This leads Antonio to enter into a hazardous bond with the hard-hearted Jew Shylock. In Belmont, Portia is overwhelmed by a constant line of suitors, who come to undertake her late father's challenge and win her hand - they are required to choose from three caskets of gold, silver, and lead the one containing Portia's portrait. As

every suitor fails due to his vanity or overconfidence, Bassanio arrives much to Portia's delight, for she has favoured him since the time of his first visit to Belmont. As Bassanio successfully passes the test of the caskets, his friend Gratiano expresses his desire to marry Nerissa, Portia's gentlewoman. As both couples rejoice in the union, news arrives from Venice that Antonio has failed to repay the debt in time, and is in danger of losing a pound of flesh, the penalty in his contract with Shylock. Bassanio immediately leaves for Venice with Gratiano, and so does Portia with Nerissa, but without anyone's knowledge. At the crucial trial of Antonio, Portia and Nerissa

arrive at the court disguised as a young lawyer and a clerk. As Shylock remains stubborn on claiming his bond, Portia cleverly turns the tables on him, which not only saves Antonio's life but also compels Shylock to forfeit his loan and bequeath his property to his daughter and son-in-law. All characters return to Belmont, where Portia informs Antonio that his ships have been salvaged and have come to harbour. Like a typical Shakespearean comedy, the play ends on the happy note of all's well that ends well. The play has rich characterization. Portia is memorable as a gutsy heroine who resolves the conflict in the play. She stresses

mercy as a divine quality as against the call for revenge by Shylock. Shylock, on the other hand, though portrayed as the antagonist of the play, is representative of those who are victims of the evils of prejudice and betrayal. Being a Jew, he is spited by Antonio and the others, which fuels his craving for revenge. Both characters have some of the most memorable speeches in the play that establish the common humanity of all races and cultures. *The Merchant of Venice* Ratna Sagar P Limited "To be or not to be" may be one of Shakespeare's most famous Soliloquy, but right behind it is Shylock's famous "Hath not a Jew eyes" speech. It's a moving speech that is often

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Believed to have been
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Shakespeare's "The
Merchant of Venice" is
considered by some
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"problem plays." The
controversy over the
work stems from its
portrayal of the
character Shylock, a
rich Jewish
moneylender. The
stereotypical depiction
of Jews as avaricious
usurers was common
to the drama of the
Elizabethan period. The
story centers on the
love of Bassanio, a
young Venetian
nobleman, who wishes
to woo the beautiful
and wealthy heiress
Portia of Belmont.

Having squandered his
estate, Bassanio turns
to Antonio, the titular
Merchant of Venice, for
a loan. However, since
Antonio has his money
invested in
merchandise at sea,
Bassanio must turn to
Shylock for the loan.
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reluctance, agrees to
make the loan on the
condition that if it
cannot be repaid he
may extract a pound of
flesh from Antonio.
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vengeful Jewish
moneylender has been
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