

Act 3 Scene 1 File Version

Describe Shylock's attitude towards Antonio.

What does Shylock say he will do with the flesh?

Why does Shylock insist he will take the flesh if he does not receive the money?

What emotions do you think Shylock is feeling at the end of this scene? Use an example.

SHYLOCK

Let him look to his bond. He was wont to call me usurer; let him look to his bond. He was wont to lend money for a Christian courtesy; let him look to his bond. ...

SALARINO

But you won't take the flesh if he can't pay. What's that good for?

SHYLOCK

To bait fish withal. If it will feed nothing else, it will feed my revenge. He hath disgraced me and hindered me half a million, laughed at my losses, mocked at my gains, scorned my nation, thwarted my bargains, cooled my friends, heated mine enemies—and what's his reason? I am a Jew. Hath not a Jew eyes? Hath not a Jew hands, organs, dimensions, senses, affections, passions? Fed with the same food, hurt with the same weapons, subject to the same diseases, healed by the same means, warmed and cooled by the same winter and summer as a Christian is? If you prick us, do we not bleed? If you tickle us, do we not laugh? If you poison us, do we not die? And if you wrong us, shall we not revenge? If we are like you in the rest, we will resemble you in that. If a Jew wrong a Christian, what is his humility? Revenge. If a Christian wrong a Jew, what should his sufferance be by Christian example? Why, revenge. The villainy you teach me I will execute—and it shall go hard but I will better the instruction.

TUBAL

I came to Venice with a number of Antonio's creditors who say he won't be able to avoid going bankrupt.

SHYLOCK

I am very glad of it. I'll plague him. I'll torture him. I am glad of it.

What is your opinion of Shylock?

Why does Salarino think that Shylock won't take the flesh?

Give three reasons why Shylock is determined to get revenge.

Read the underlined sentences. What do you think Shylock means when he says this?
