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ACT 4

Study Guide

1. After Iago lied and told Othello that Cassio confessed going being with Desdemona, what

advice did he give the overwhelmed Othello?

2. How did Iago trick Othello into thinking Cassio was gloating and bragging about his affair

with Desdemona?

3. What is Iago’s real plan? How well does it work? (Notice that Iago beckons Othello to come close enough to hear the story; before that Othello could see them and hear the laughter but not hear what they were saying.) What plans are made?

4. Why was Bianca angry with Cassio?

5. How did Bianca's return with the handkerchief help Iago?

6. Why has Lodovico come from Venice? Meanwhile, what touchy issue has Desdemona brought up again? What action of Othello's surprises Lodovico? In what way typical for him do we see Iago responding in? How will this advance his plot even if everything else fails?

7. Why did Othello hit Desdemona?

8. What was Lodovico's reaction to Othello's behavior towards Desdemona? How did Iago later

explain Othello's behavior to Lodovico?

9. Why did Othello ask Emilia about Cassio's affair with Desdemona, and what was her reply?

10. To whom does Desdemona turn for help after Othello calls her a strumpet?

11. Why did Iago tell Rodriego to kill Cassio? Why did Roderigo consent to think about it?

12. What is Roderigo's complaint against Iago? What is he the first one in the play to discover ?

13. What plan does Iago propose, and what promise does he offer? Why, according to Iago, is it necessary to get rid of Cassio? Given Iago's role in other actions, how much do you trust him in?

14. What is the effect of the scene between Desdemona and Emilia? Given this scene, is it at all possible that Desdemona could ever be unfaithful to Othello? What is the effect of the "Willow Song"?

15. Desdemona is certainly an innocent. List all the evidence you have found so far to prove this: