

SHYLOCK

There I have another bad match! A bankrupt, a prodigal, who dare scarce show his head on the Rialto, a beggar, that was used to come so smug upon the mart!\*

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.

SALERIO

Why, I am sure if he forfeit thou wilt not take his flesh. 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 villany you teach me I will execute, and it shall go hard but I will better the instruction.\*

(Enter a SERVANT.)

SERVANT

Gentlemen, my master Antonio is at his house and desires to speak with you both.

SALERIO

We have been up and down to seek him.

(Enter TUBAL.)

SALANIO

Here comes another of the tribe. A third cannot be matched, unless the devil himself turn Jew.

(Exeunt SALANIO, SALERIO and SERVANT.)

SHYLOCK

How now, Tubal! What news from Genoa? Hast thou found my daughter?

TUBAL

I often came where I did hear of her, but cannot find her.

*smug upon the mart* - arrogant (stylish) to the market,

*usurer* - one who lends money at an excessively or unlawfully high rate of interest,

*courtesy* - act of generosity, *hindered* - prevented me from earning,

*dimensions* - bodily parts, *better the instruction* - teach revenge better than Christians