DRAMATIS PERSONÆ

CYMBELINE, King of Britain. CLOTEN, Son to the Queen by a former Husband. CLOTEN, Son to the Queen by a former Husband.

POSTHUMUS LEONATUS, a Gentleman, Husband to Imogen.

CORNELIUS, a Physician.

Two Lords of Cymbeline's Court.

Two Gentlemen of the same. Imogen. BELARIUS, a banished Lord, disguised under the name Two Gaolers.

of Morgan.

GUIDERIUS, Sons to Cymbeline, disguised under the names of Polydore and Cadwal, supposed Sons to Morgan.

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IACHIMO, Friend to Philario,

A French Gentleman, Friend to Philario. CAIUS LUCIUS, General of the Roman Forces. A Roman Captain.

Two British Captains.

IMOGEN, Daughter to Cymbeline by a former Queen.

PISANIO, Servant to Posthumus.

Lords, Ladies, Roman Senators, Tribunes, a Dutch Gentleman, a Spanish Gentleman, a Soothsayer, Musicians, Officers, Captains, Soldiers, Messengers, and other Attendants.

Apparitions.

Scene.—Sometimes in Britain, sometimes in Italy.

ACT I

Scene I .- Britain. The Garden of CYMBE-LINE'S Palace.

Enter two Gentlemen.

First Gent. You do not meet a man but frowns: our bloods

But what's the matter? Sec. Gent. First Gent. His daughter, and the heir of's

kingdom, whom He purpos'd to his wife's sole son,—a widow That late he married,—hath referr'd herself Unto a poor but worthy gentleman. She's

wedded: Her husband banish'd, she imprison'd: all 8 Is outward sorrow, though I think the king Be touch'd at very heart.

None but the king? Sec. Gent. First Gent. He that hath lost her too; so is the queen,

That most desir'd the match; but not a courtier. Although they wear their faces to the bent 13 And in's spring became a harvest; liv'd in Of the king's looks, hath a heart that is not Glad at the thing they scowl at.

And why so? Sec. Gent. First Gent. He that hath miss'd the princess

is a thing
Too bad for bad report; and he that hath her. I mean that married her, alack! good man! And therefore banish'd—is a creature such As, to seek through the regions of the earth 20 For one his like, there would be something fail-

In him that should compare. I do not think So fair an outward and such stuff within Endows a man but he

Sec. Gent. You speak him far. 24 self.

Crush him together rather than unfold

His measure duly.

What's his name and birth?

Cas Gent. What's his name and birth? First Gent. I cannot delve him to the root: his father

Was called Sicilius, who did join his honour Against the Romans with Cassibelan, But had his titles by Tenantius whom No more obey the heavens than our courtiers

Still seem as does the king.

Hat had in the sury and admir'd success, 32

So gain'd the sur-addition Leonatus; And had, besides this gentleman in question,

Two other sons, who in the wars o' the time Died with their swords in hand; for which their father-

Then old and fond of issue-took such sorrow That he quit being, and his gentle lady, Big of this gentleman, our theme, deceas'd As he was born. The king, he takes the babe 40 To his protection; calls him Posthumus Leonatus;

Breeds him and makes him of his bedchamber. Puts to him all the learnings that his time Could make him the receiver of: which he took, As we do air, fast as 'twas minister'd,

Which rare it is to do-most prais'd, most lov'd; A sample to the youngest, to the more mature A glass that feated them, and to the graver 49 A child that guided dotards; to his mistress, For whom he now is banish'd, her own price Proclaims how she esteem'd him and his virtue; By her election may be truly read 53 What kind of man he is.

Sec. Gent. I honour him, Even out of your report. But pray you, tell me, Is she sole child to the king?

First Gent. His only child. 56 He had two sons, -if this be worth your hearing, Mark it,-the eldest of them at three years old, First Gent. I do extend him, sir, within him- I' the swathing clothes the other, from their

ledge Which way they went. How long is this ago? Sec. Gent. First Gent. Some twenty years.

Sec. Gent. That a king's children should be so convey'd,

So slackly guarded, and the search so slow, 64 That could not trace them!

Howsoe'er 'tis strange, First Gent. Or that the negligence may well be laugh'd at, Yet is it true, sir.

the gentleman,

The queen, and princess. Exeunt.

Enter the QUEEN, POSTHUMUS, and IMOGEN. Queen. No, be assur'd you shall not find me, daughter.

After the slander of most step-mothers, Evil-ey'd unto you; you're my prisoner, but 72 Your gaoler shall deliver you the keys That lock up your restraint. For you, Posthu- Upon this fairest prisoner.

mus, So soon as I can win the offended king, I will be known your advocate; marry, yet 76 When shall we see again? The fire of rage is in him, and 'twere good You lean'd unto his sentence with what patience Your wisdom may inform you.

Please your highness, Post.

I will from hence to-day. You know the peril: 80 I'll fetch a turn about the garden, pitying I'll fetch a turn about the garden, pitying
The pangs of barr'd affections, though the king
Thou'rt poison to my blood.
The gods protect you 128
Post.
The gods protect you 128 Hath charg'd you should not speak together.

Dissembling courtesy. How fine this tyrant 84 Dissembling courtesy. How nine this tyrant of Can tickle where she wounds! My dearest husband.

I something fear my father's wrath; but nothing,-Always reserv'd my holy duty,-what His rage can do on me. You must be gone; 88 And I shall here abide the hourly shot Of angry eyes, not comforted to live, But that there is this jewel in the world

That I may see again. My queen! my mistress! 92 Post. O lady, weep no more, lest I give cause To be suspected of more tenderness Than doth become a man. I will remain The loyal'st husband that did e'er plight troth. My residence in Rome at one Philario's, Who to my father was a friend, to me Known but by letter; thither write, my queen, And with mine eyes I'll drink the words you send,

Though ink be made of gall.

Re-enter QUEEN. Be brief, I pray you;

If the king come, I shall incur I know not How much of his displeasure. [Aside.] Yet I'll You bred him as my playfellow, and he is 145 move him

Were stol'n; and to this hour no guess in know- To walk this way. I never do him wrong, 104 w- To walk this way. I never up the friends, 60 But he does buy my injuries to be friends, [Exit.

Pays dear for my offences. Should we be taking leave Post. As long a term as yet we have to live, The loathness to depart would grow. Adieu!

Imo. Nay, stay a little:

Were you but riding forth to air yourself Such parting were too petty. Look here, love; This diamond was my mother's; take it, heart; But keep it till you woo another wife, 113

When Imogen is dead. Sec. Gent. I do well believe you. Post. How! how! another First Gent. We must forbear. Here comes You gentle gods, give me but this I have, How! how! another? And sear up my embracements from a next 116 With bonds of death!-Remain, remain thou

[Putting on the ring. here While sense can keep it on! And, sweetest, fairest,

As I my poor self did exchange for you, To your so infinite loss, so in our trifles 120 I still win of you; for my sake wear this; It is a manacle of love; I'll place it

[Putting a bracelet on her arm. O the gods!

Enter CYMBELINE and Lords.

Alack! the king! 124 Post. Cym. Thou basest thing, avoid! hence, from my sight! If after this command thou fraught the court

With thy unworthiness, thou diest. Away!

And bless the good remainders of the court! O! I am gone.

t 84 Imo. There cannot be a pinch in death

> Cym. That shouldst repair my youth, thou heap'st instead

> A year's age on me. I beseech you, sir, Imo. Harm not yourself with your vexation; I am senseless of your wrath; a touch more rare Subdues all pangs, all fears.

Past grace? obedience? Cym. Imo. Past hope, and in despair; that way, past grace. Cym. That mightst have had the sole son of my queen! Imo. O bless'd, that I might not! I chose an

And did avoid a puttock. Cym. Thou took'st a beggar; wouldst have

made my throne 100 A seat for baseness. No: I rather added

Imo. A lustre to it.

O thou vile one! Cym. Imo. It is your fault that I have lov'd Posthumus; A man worth any woman, overbuys me

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Pis.

Almost the sum he pays. What! art thou mad? his patience. Imo. Almost, sir; heaven restore me! Would I were A neat-herd's daughter, and my Leonatus

Our neighbour shepherd's son! Cvm. Thou foolish thing!

Re-enter OUEEN.

They were again together; you have done Not after our command. Away with her. 152 And pen her up.

Beseech your patience. Peace! Queen. Dear lady daughter, peace! Sweet sovereign, Leave us to ourselves, and make yourself some have oceans. Puppies! comfort

Out of your best advice. Nay, let her languish 156 Cym. A drop of blood a day; and, being aged,

Die of this folly! Exeunt CYMBELINE and Lords. Fie! you must give way: Queen.

Enter PISANIO.

Here is your servant. How now, sir! What news?

Oueen. Ha! 160 her wit.

No harm, I trust, is done?

Pis. But that my master rather play'd than fought, And had no help of anger; they were parted By gentlemen at hand.

Queen. Imo. Your son's my father's friend; he takes hurt. his part.

To draw upon an exile! O brave sir! I would they were in Afric both together, Myself by with a needle, that I might prick 168 The goer-back. Why came you from your

To bring him to the haven; left these notes Of what commands I should be subject to, 172 When't pleas'd you to employ me.

Queen. This hath been Your faithful servant; I dare lay mine honour And question dst every sail: if he should write, He will remain so.

I humbly thank your highness. Oueen. Pray, walk awhile.

Imo. [To PISANIO.] About some half-hour hence,

I pray you, speak with me. You shall at least Go see my lord aboard; for this time leave me.

Scene II .- The Same. A Public Place.

Enter CLOTEN and two Lords.

First Lord. Sir, I would advise you to shift a shirt; the violence of action hath made you reek Could best express how slow his soul sail'd on, as a sacrifice. Where air comes out, air comes How swift his ship. in; there's none abroad so wholesome as that

Clo. If my shirt were bloody, then to shift it. To after-eye him. Have I hurt him?

Sec. Lord. [Aside.] No faith; not so much as

First Lord. Hurt him! his body 's a passable 148 carcass if he be not hurt; it is a throughfare for steel if it be not hurt.

Sec. Lord. [Aside.] His steel was in debt: it went o' the backside the town.

Clo. The villain would not stand me. Sec. Lord. [Aside.] No; but he fled forward still, toward your face.

First Lord. Stand you! You have land enough of your own; but he added to your having, gave you some ground. Sec. Lord. [Aside.] As many inches as you

Clo. I would they had not come between

Sec. Lord. [Aside.] So would I till you had measured how long a fool you were upon the ground.

Clo. And that she should love this fellow and refuse me!

Sec. Lord. [Aside.] If it be a sin to make a

true election, she is damned.

First Lord. Sir, as I told you always, her beauty and her brain go not together; she's a Pis. My lord your son drew on my master. good sign, but I have seen small reflection of

Sec. Lord. [Aside.] She shines not upon fools, There might have been, lest the reflection should hurt her. Clo. Come, I'll to my chamber. Would there

had been some hurt done!

d. Sec. Lord. [Aside.] I wish not so; unless it I am very glad on't. 164 had been the fall of an ass, which is no great

Clo. You'll go with us? First Lord. I'll attend your lordship. Clo. Nay, come, let's go together. [Exeunt. Sec. Lord. Well, my lord.

Pis. On his command: he would not suffer me SCENE III.—A Room in CYMBELINE'S Palace.

Enter IMOGEN and PISANIO.

Imo. I would thou grew'st unto the shores of the haven, And I not have it, 'twere a paper lost, As offer'd mercy is. What was the last

That he spake to thee? Pis. It was his queen, his queen! Imo. Then wav'd his handkerchief?

And kiss'd it, madam. Imo. Senseless linen, happier therein than I! [Exeunt. And that was all?

Pis. No, madam; for so long 8 As he could make me with this eye or ear Distinguish him from others, he did keep The deck, with glove, or hat, or handkerchief, Still waving, as the fits and stirs of 's mind 12

Imo. Thou shouldst have made him As little as a crow, or less, ere left

Madam, so I did.

Imo. I would have broke mine eye-strings. crack'd them, but

To look upon him, till the diminution Of space had pointed him sharp as my needle, Nay, follow'd him, till he had melted from 20 The smallness of a gnat to air, and then Have turn'd mine eye, and wept. But, good

Pisanio, When shall we hear from him?

With his next vantage. Imo. I did not take my leave of him, but had Most pretty things to say; ere I could tell him How I would think on him at certain hours Such thoughts and such, or I could make him Orleans.

The shes of Italy should not betray Mine interest and his honour, or have charg'd

At the sixth hour of morn, at noon, at midnight, To encounter me with orisons, for then I am in heaven for him; or ere I could Give him that parting kiss which I had set Betwix two charming words, comes in my father, And like the tyrannous breathing of the north Shakes all our buds from growing.

Enter a Lady.

The queen, madam, 37 Lady. Desires your highness' company. Imo. Those things I bid you do, get them dispatch'd. I will attend the queen Madam, I shall. [Exeunt. have fallen both.

Scene IV .- Rome. A Room in PHILARIO'S House.

Enter PHILARIO, IACHIMO, a Frenchman, a

looked on him without the help of admiration, attemptable, than any the rarest of our ladies in though the catalogue of his endowments had France. been tabled by his side and I to peruse him

Phi. You speak of him when he was less furnished than now he is with that which mind. makes him both without and within.

French. I have seen him in France: we had ours of Italy. very many there could behold the sun with as firm eyes as he.

daughter,-wherein he must be weighed rather by her value than his own,-words him, I doubt not, a great deal from the matter.

French. And then, his banishment. are wonderfully to extend him; be it but to not seen the most precious diamond that is, nor fortify her judgment, which else an easy battery you the lady. might lay flat, for taking a beggar without less Post. I praised her as I rated her; so do I quality. But how comes it, he is to sojourn my stone. with you? How creeps acquaintance? 26

Phi. His father and I were soldiers together; to whom I have been often bound for no less than my life. Here comes the Briton: let him be so entertained amongst you as suits, with gentlemen of your knowing, to a stranger of his quality.

Enter POSTHUMUS.

I beseech you all, be better known to this gentle-Be assur'd, madam, man, whom I commend to you, as a noble friend of mine; how worthy he is I will leave to appear hereafter, rather than story him in his own hearing.

French. Sir, we have known together in

Post. Since when I have been debtor to you for courtesies, which I will be ever to pay and yet pay still.

French. Sir, you o'er-rate my poor kindness. I was glad I did atone my countryman and you; it had been pity you should have been put together with so mortal a purpose as then each bore, upon importance of so slight and trivial a nature.

Post. By your pardon, sir, I was then a young traveller; rather shunned to go even with what I heard than in my every action to be guided by others' experiences; but, upon my mended judgment,-if I offend not to say it is mended,my quarrel was not altogether slight.

French. Faith, yes, to be put to the arbitrement of swords, and by such two that would by all likelihood have confounded one the other, or

Iach. Can we, with manners, ask what was

the difference? French. Safely, I think. 'Twas a contention in public, which may, without contradiction, suffer the report. It was much like an argument Dutchman, and a Spaniard.

that fell out last night, where each of us fell lach. Believe it, sir, I have seen him in praise of our country mistresses; this gentle-Britain; he was then of a crescent note, ex- man at that time vouching—and upon warrant pected to prove so worthy as since he hath been of bloody affirmation—his to be more fair, virallowed the name of; but I could then have tuous, wise, chaste, constant, qualified, and less

Iach. That lady is not now living, or this gentleman's opinion by this worn out. Post. She holds her virtue still and I my

Iach. You must not so far prefer her 'fore

Post. Being so far provoked as I was in 14 France, I would abate her nothing, though I Iach. This matter of marrying his king's profess myself her adorer, not her friend. 79

Iach. As fair and as good—a kind of hand-in-hand comparison—had been something too fair and too good for any lady in Britain. If she 19 went before others I have seen, as that diamond lach. Ay, and the approbation of those that of yours outlustres many I have beheld, I could weep this lamentable divorce under her colours not but believe she excelled many; but I have

Iach. What do you esteem it at?

Post. More than the world enjoys. lach. Either your unparagoned mistress is would undergo what's spoken, I swear. 158 dead, or she's outprized by a trifle.

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sold, or given; or if there were wealth enough between's: my mistress exceeds in goodness the for the purchase, or merit for the gift; the other hugeness of your unworthy thinking; I dare you is not a thing for sale, and only the gift of the to this match. Here's my ring. gods.

Phi. I will have it no lay.

Iach. Which the gods have given you?

that way accomplished courtier, would hazard your commendation for my more free entertainthe winning both of first and last. 107 ment.

Post. Your Italy contains none so accomplished a courtier to convince the honour of my have articles betwixt us. Only, thus far you mistress, if, in the holding or loss of that, you shall answer: if you make your voyage upon term her frail. I do nothing doubt you have her and give me directly to understand that you store of thieves; notwithstanding I fear not my have prevailed, I am no further your enemy;

we are familiar at first. Iach. With five times so much conversation tance and opportunity to friend.

Post. No, no. Iach. I dare thereupon pawn the moiety of my estate to your ring, which, in my opinion, o'ervalues it something; but I make my wager rather against your confidence than her reputation; and, to bar your offence herein too, I

durst attempt it against any lady in the world.

Post. You are a great deal abused in too bold a persuasion; and I doubt not you sustain what you're worthy of by your attempt.

Iach. What's that? Post. A repulse; though your attempt, as you call it, deserves more,-a punishment too.

Phi. Gentlemen, enough of this; it came in too suddenly; let it die as it was born, and, I Make haste; who has the note of them? pray you, be better acquainted.

Iach. Would I had put my estate and my

Post. What lady would you choose to assail? Iach. Yours; whom in constancy you think stands so safe. I will lay you ten thousand ducats to your ring, that, commend me to the court where your lady is, with no more advantage than the opportunity of a second conference, and I will bring from thence that honour of hers which you imagine so reserved. Which are the movers of a languishing death, Post. I will wage against your gold, gold to it: But though slow, deadly?

my ring I hold dear as my finger; 'tis part of it. Iach. You are afraid, and therein the wiser. cannot preserve it from tainting. But I see you have some religion in you, that you fear. 154

you bear a graver purpose, I hope.

Iach. I am the master of my speeches, and

Post. Will you? I shall but lend my diamond Post. You are mistaken; the one may be till your return. Let there be covenants drawn

Iach. By the gods, it is one. If I bring you Post. Which, by their graces, I will keep. 100 no sufficient testimony that I have enjoyed the Iach. You may wear her in title yours, but, dearest bodily part of your mistress, my ten you know, strange fowl light upon neighbouring thousand ducats are yours; so is your diamond ponds. Your ring may be stolen, too; so your too: if I come off, and leave her in such honour brace of unprizeable estimations, the one is but as you have trust in, she your jewel, this your frail and the other casual; a cunning thief, or a jewel, and my gold are yours; provided I have

Post. I embrace these conditions; let us 113 she is not worth our debate: if she remain un-Phi. Let us leave here, gentlemen.

Post. Sir, with all my heart. This worthy

Post. Sir, with all my heart. Th signior, I thank him, makes no stranger of me; made to her chastity, you shall answer me with 117 your sword.

Iach. Your hand; a covenant. We will have I should get ground of your fair mistress, make these things set down by lawful counsel, and her go back, even to the yielding, had I admit-straight away for Britain, lest the bargain 121 should catch cold and starve. I will fetch my gold and have our two wagers recorded. 188

Post. Agreed. [Exeunt POSTHUMUS and IACHIMO. French. Will this hold, think you? Phi. Signior Iachimo will not from it. Pray, let us follow 'em.

SCENE V .- Britain. A Room in CYMBELINE'S Palace.

Enter OUEEN, Ladies, and CORNELIUS.

Queen. Whiles yet the dew's on ground, gather those flowers:

I, madam. First Lady. Exeunt Ladies. Queen. Dispatch. neighbour's on the approbation of what I have Now, Master doctor, have you brought those

drugs? Cor. Pleaseth your highness, ay; here they are, madam: Presenting a small box. But I beseech your Grace, without offence,-My conscience bids me ask,-wherefore you

Commanded of me these most poisonous compounds,

I wonder, doctor, Queen. Thou ask'st me such a question: have I not been If you buy ladies' flesh at a million a dram, you Thy pupil long? Hast thou not learn'd me how To make perfumes? distil? preserve? yea, so 13 That our great king himself doth woo me oft Post. This is but a custom in your tongue; For my confections? Having thus far pro-

That I did amplify my judgment in Other conclusions? I will try the forces Of these thy compounds on such creatures as We count not worth the hanging,—but none It is an earnest of a further good human.-

To try the vigour of them and apply Allayments to their act, and by them gather Their several virtues and effects.

Shall from this practice but make hard your Who shall take notice of thee. I'll move the heart; Besides, the seeing these effects will be

Both noisome and infectious. O! content thee. Queen.

Enter PISANIO.

Will I first work: he's for his master, And enemy to my son. How now, Pisanio! Doctor, your service for this time is ended; Take your own way.

Cor. [Aside.] I do suspect you, madam; But you shall do no harm.

Queen. [To PISANIO.] Hark thee, a word. Cor. [Aside.] I do not like her. She doth think she has

Strange lingering poisons; I do know her spirit, And will not trust one of her malice with A drug of such damn'd nature. Those she has Will stupify and dull the sense awhile; Which first, perchance, she'll prove on cats and

Then afterward up higher; but there is No danger in what show of death it makes, 40 More than the locking-up the spirits a time, To be more fresh, reviving. She is fool'd With a most false effect; and I the truer, So to be false with her.

No further service, doctor, 44 Queen. Until I send for thee. I humbly take my leave. Cor. [Exit.

Queen. Weeps she still, sayst thou? Dost She will not quench, and let instructions enter As my two brothers, happy! but most miser-Where folly now possesses? Do thou work: 48 When thou shalt bring me word she loves my

I'll tell thee on the instant thou art then As great as is thy master; greater, for His fortunes all lie speechless, and his name 52 Is at last gasp; return he cannot, nor Continue where he is; to shift his being Is to exchange one misery with another, And every day that comes comes to decay 56 A day's work in him. What shalt thou expect, To be depender on a thing that leans, Who cannot be new built, nor has no friends, So much as but to prop him?

[The QUEEN drops the box; PISANIO You are kindly welcome. takes it up. Thou tak'st up 60

Unless thou think'st me devilish,-is't not Thou know'st not what; but take it for thy labour:

It is a thing I made, which hath the king Five times redeem'd from death; I do not know What is more cordial: nay, I prithee, take it; 64

20 That I mean to thee. Tell thy mistress how The case stands with her; do't as from thyself. Think what a chance thou changest on, but think

Thou hast thy mistress still, to boot, my son,

To any shape of thy preferment such As thou'lt desire; and then myself, I chiefly, 72 That set thee on to this desert, am bound To load thy merit richly. Call my women; Exit PISANIO. Think on my words. A sly and constant knave.

[Aside.] Here comes a flattering rascal; upon Not to be shak'd; the agent for his master, 76 And the remembrancer of her to hold 28 The hand-fast to her lord. I have given him

> Which, if he take, shall quite unpeople her Of leigers for her sweet, and which she after, 80 Except she bend her humour, shall be assur'd To taste of too.

Re-enter PISANIO and Ladies. So, so; -well done, well done. The violets, cowslips, and the prime-roses Bear to my closet. Fare thee well, Pisanio: 84 Think on my words.

[Exeunt QUEEN and Ladies. And shall do: But when to my good lord I prove untrue, I'll choke myself; there's all I'll do for you. Exit.

Scene VI .- The Same. Another Room in the Palace.

Enter IMOGEN.

Imo. A father cruel, and a step-dame false; A foolish suitor to a wedded lady, That hath her husband banish'd: O! that hus-

band, My supreme crown of grief! and those repeated Vexations of it! Had I been thief-stol'n, 5

Is the desire that's glorious: bless'd be those, How mean so'er, that have their honest wills, 8 Which seasons comfort. Who may this be?

Enter PISANIO and IACHIMO.

Pis. Madam, a noble gentleman of Rome, Comes from my lord with letters. Change you, madam? Iach.

The worthy Leonatus is in safety, And greets your highness dearly.

[Presents a letter. Thanks, good sir:

Iach. [Aside.] All of her that is out of door most rich!

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If she be furnish'd with a mind so rare, She is alone the Arabian bird, and I Have lost the wager. Boldness be my friend! Arm me, audacity, from head to foot! Or, like the Parthian, I shall flying fight; 20 Rather, directly fly.

Imo. He is one of the noblest note, to whose kindnesses I am most infinitely tied. Reflect upon him accordingly, as you value your truest

LEONATUS. So far I read aloud: But even the very middle of my heart Is warm'd by the rest, and takes it thankfully. You are as welcome, worthy sir, as I Have words to bid you; and shall find it so In all that I can do.

Thanks, fairest lady. Iach. What! are men mad? Hath nature given them Some men are much to blame. eyes To see this vaulted arch, and the rich crop

Of sea and land, which can distinguish 'twixt The fiery orbs above and the twinn'd stones Upon the number'd beach? and can we not 36 In you,—which I account his beyond all Partition make with spectacles so precious 'Twixt fair and foul?

What makes your admiration? Iach. It cannot be i' the eye; for apes and monkeys

'Twixt two such shes would chatter this way and Contemn with mows the other; nor i' the judg-

For idiots in this case of favour would Be wisely definite; nor i' the appetite: Sluttery to such neat excellence oppos'd Should make desire vomit emptiness, Not so allur'd to feed.

Imo. What is the matter, trow? Iach. The cloyed will,— That satiate yet unsatisfied desire, that tub 48 I was about to say, enjoy your—But Both fill'd and running,-ravening first the lamb,

Longs after for the garbage. What, dear sir, Imo. Thus raps you? are you well?

Iach. Thanks, madam, well. [To PISANIO.] Beseech you, sir, He's strange and peevish.

Pis. I was going, sir, To give him welcome. seech you?

Iach. Well, madam.

there So merry and so gamesome: he is call'd

The Briton reveller. When he was here He did incline to sadness, and oft-times Not knowing why.

Iach. I never saw him sad. There is a Frenchman his companion, one, 64 That all the plagues of hell should at one time An eminent monsieur, that, it seems, much Encounter such revolt.

16 A Gallian girl at home; he furnaces The thick sighs from him, whiles the jolly Briton-

Your lord, I mean-laughs from's free lungs, cries, 'O!

Can my sides hold, to think that man, who knows

By history, report, or his own proof, What woman is, yea, what she cannot choose But must be, will his free hours languish for 72 Assured bondage?'

Imo. Will my lord say so? Iach. Ay, madam, with his eyes in flood with laughter:

It is a recreation to be by And hear him mock the Frenchman; but. heavens know.

Not he, I hope. Iach. Not he; but yet heaven's bounty to-

wards him might Be us'd more thankfully. In himself, 'tis much; talents,-

Whilst I am bound to wonder, I am bound To pity too.

What do you pity, sir? Imo. Iach. Two creatures, heartily. Imo. Am I one, sir? You look on me: what wrack discern you in

me Deserves your pity? Iach.

Lamentable! What! To hide me from the radiant sun and solace I' the dungeon by a snuff!

Imo. I pray you, sir. Deliver with more openness your answers 88 To my demands. Why do you pity me? Iach. That others do,

It is an office of the gods to venge it, Not mine to speak on't.

Imo. You do seem to know Something of me, or what concerns me; pray you,-

Since doubting things go ill often hurts more Than to be sure they do; for certainties 96 Desire my man's abode where I did leave him; Either are past remedies, or, timely knowing, The remedy then born,—discover to me What both you spur and stop.

Iach. Had I this cheek Imo. Continues well my lord his health, be- To bathe my lips upon; this hand, whose touch, Whose every touch, would force the feeler's soul lach. Well, madam.

To the oath of loyalty; this object, which 102

Imo. Is he dispos'd to mirth? I hope he is. Takes prisoner the wild motion of mine eye, Iach. Exceeding pleasant; none a stranger Firing it only here; should I-damn'd then-Slaver with lips as common as the stairs 105 That mount the Capitol; join gripes with hands Made hard with hourly falsehood, -falsehood,

> With labour;-then by-peeping in an eye, 108 Base and illustrous as the smoky light That's fed with stinking tallow; it were fit

Imo. My lord, I fear,

Has forgot Britain. And himself. Not I, Iach. Inclin'd to this intelligence, pronounce The beggary of his change; but 'tis your graces That he enchants societies into him; That from my mutest conscience to my tongue Half all men's hearts are his. Charms this report out.

Let me hear no more. 117 Imo. lach. O dearest soul! your cause doth strike my heart

With pity, that doth make me sick. A lady So fair,-and fasten'd to an empery Would make the great'st king double,-to be partner'd

With tom-boys hir'd with that self-exhibition Which your own coffers yield! with diseas'd In the election of a sir so rare,

That play with all infirmities for gold Which rottenness can lend nature! such boil'd Made me to fan you thus; but the gods made

As well might poison poison! Be reveng'd; Or she that bore you was no queen, and you Recoil from your great stock.

Reveng'd! 128 Imo. How should I be reveng'd? If this be true,-As I have such a heart, that both mine ears Must not in haste abuse,-if it be true,

How should I be reveng'd? Should he make me 132 Tach. Live like Diana's priest, betwixt cold sheets, Whiles he is vaulting variable ramps, In your despite, upon your purse? Revenge it. I dedicate myself to your sweet pleasure, 136 The best feather of our wing, have mingled More noble than that runagate to your bed, And will continue fast to your affection, Still close as sure.

What ho, Pisanio! Imo. lach. Let me my service tender on your lips. Imo. Away! I do condemn mine ears that have

So long attended thee. If thou wert honourable. Thou wouldst have told this tale for virtue,

not For such an end thou seek'st; as base as strange. Thou wrong'st a gentleman, who is as far

From thy report as thou from honour, and Solicit'st here a lady that disdains Thee and the devil alike. What ho, Pisanio! 148 I must aboard to-morrow. The king my father shall be made acquainted Imo. Of thy assault; if he shall think it fit, A saucy stranger in his court to mart As in a Romish stew and to expound His beastly mind to us, he hath a court He little cares for and a daughter who He not respects at all. What ho, Pisanio!

lach. O happy Leonatus! I may say: 156 But not away to-morrow! The credit that thy lady hath of thee Deserves thy trust, and thy most perfect goodness

Her assur'd credit. Blessed live you long! A lady to the worthiest sir that ever Country call'd his; and you his mistress, only

I have spoken this, to know if your affiance

Were deeply rooted, and shall make your lord That which he is, new o'er; and he is one 165 The truest manner'd; such a holy witch

You make amends, 168 Imo. Iach. He sits 'mongst men like a descended god:

He hath a kind of honour sets him off, More than a mortal seeming. Be not angry. Most mighty princess, that I have adventur'd 172 To try your taking of a false report; which hath Honour'd with confirmation your great judgment

Which you know cannot err. The love I bear him

Unlike all others, chaffless. Pray, your pardon. Imo. All's well, sir. Take my power i' the lach. My humble thanks. I had almost for-

To entreat your Grace but in a small request, And yet of moment too, for it concerns Your lord, myself, and other noble friends,

Are partners in the business. Pray, what is't? 184 Imo. Iach. Some dozen Romans of us and your lord,

sums

To buy a present for the emperor; Which I, the factor for the rest, have done 188 In France; 'tis plate of rare device, and jewels Of rich and exquisite form; their values great; And I am something curious, being strange, 141 To have them in safe stowage. May it please

To take them in protection? Willingly: Imo. And pawn mine honour for their safety: since My lord hath interest in them, I will keep them In my bedchamber.

you

They are in a trunk, 196 Iach. Attended by my men; I will make bold To send them to you, only for this night;

O! no, no. Iach. Yes, I beseech, or I shall short my word By lengthening my return. From Gallia

I cross'd the seas on purpose and on promise To see your Grace.

I thank you for your pains; Imo.

O! I must, madam: 204 Therefore I shall beseech you, if you please To greet your lord with writing, do't to-night: I have outstood my time, which is material 160 To the tender of our present.

Imo. For the most worthiest fit. Give me your par- Send your trunk to me; it shall safe be kept, And truly yielded you. You're very welcome. radions and al as liveb where a d Exeunt. [ACT II

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SCENE I.—Britain. Before CYMBELINE'S Palace.

Enter CLOTEN and two Lords.

Clo. Was there ever man had such luck! when I kissed the jack, upon an up-cast to be hit away! I had a hundred pound on't; and then a whoreson jackanapes must take me up for swearing, as if I borrowed mine oaths of him and might not spend them at my pleasure.

First Lord. What got he by that? You have broke his pate with your bowl.

Sec. Lord. [Aside.] If his wit had been like To enjoy thy banish'd lord and this great land! him that broke it, it would have run all out.

Clo. When a gentleman is disposed to swear, it is not for any standers-by to curtail his

Sec. Lord. No, my lord; [Aside.] nor crop the ears of them.

Clo. Whoreson dog! I give him satisfaction! Would he had been one of my rank!

Sec. Lord. [Aside.] To have smelt like a

Clo. I am not vexed more at any thing in the earth. A pox on't! I had rather not be so noble as I am. They dare not fight with me be- Fold down the leaf where I have left; to bed: 4 cause of the queen my mother. Every Jack-slave hath his bellyful of fighting, and I must go up and down like a cock that nobody can match. Sec. Lord. [Aside.] You are cock and capon

too; and you crow, cock, with your comb on. Clo. Sayest thou?

Sec. Lord. It is not fit your lordship should undertake every companion that you give offence to.

Clo. No, I know that; but it is fit I should commit offence to my inferiors.

Sec. Lord. Ay, it is fit for your lordship only.

come to court to-night?

Clo. A stranger, and I not know on't! Sec. Lord. [Aside.] He's a strange fellow himself, and knows it not.

First Lord. There's an Italian come; and 'tis thought, one of Leonatus' friends.

Clo. Leonatus! a banished rascal; and he's another, whatsoever he be. Who told you of this stranger?

First Lord. One of your lordship's pages. Clo. Is it fit I went to look upon him? Is there no derogation in't?

First Lord. You cannot derogate, my lord.

Clo. Not easily, I think. Sec. Lord. [Aside.] You are a fool, granted; therefore your issues, being foolish, do not

Clo. Come, I'll go see this Italian. What I have lost to-day at bowls I'll win to-night of him. Come, go

Sec. Lord. I'll attend your lordship. That such a crafty devil as is his mother

Should yield the world this ass! a woman that 60 Bears all down with her brain, and this her son Cannot take two from twenty for his heart And leave eighteen. Alas! poor princess, Thou divine Imogen, what thou endur'st 64 Betwixt a father by thy step-dame govern'd, A mother hourly coining plots, a wooer More hateful than the foul expulsion is Of thy dear husband, than that horrid act 68 Of the divorce he'd make. The heavens hold firm

The walls of thy dear honour; keep unshak'd That temple, thy fair mind; that thou mayst

Scene II .- A Bedchamber; in one part of it a Trunk.

IMOGEN reading in her bed; a Lady attending. Imo. Who's there? my woman Helen?

Please you, madam. Imo. What hour is it?

Almost midnight, madam. Lady. Imo. I have read three hours then; mine eyes are weak;

Take not away the taper, leave it burning, And if thou canst awake by four o' the clock, I prithee, call me. Sleep has seized me wholly.

To your protection I commend me, gods! 8 From fairies and the tempters of the night Guard me, beseech ve!

[Sleeps. IACHIMO comes from the trunk. Iach. The crickets sing, and man's o'er-

labour'd sense Repairs itself by rest. Our Tarquin thus 12 Did softly press the rushes ere he waken'd

The chastity he wounded. Cytherea, How bravely thou becom'st thy bed! fresh lily, Clo. Why, so I say.

Clo. Why, so I say.

First Lord. Did you hear of a stranger that's And whiter than the sheets! That I might touch!

But kiss: one kiss! Rubies unparagon'd, How dearly they do't! 'Tis her breathing that Perfumes the chamber thus; the flame of the

Bows toward her, and would under-peep her

To see the enclosed lights, now canopied Under these windows, white and azure lac'd With blue of heaven's own tinct. But my de-

To note the chamber: I will write all down: 24 Such and such pictures: there the window; such Th' adornment of her bed; the arras, figures, Why, such and such; and the contents o' the

Ah! but some natural notes about her body, 28 Above ten thousand meaner moveables Would testify, to enrich mine inventory. O sleep! thou ape of death, lie dull upon her;

And be her senses but as a monument 32 [Exeunt CLOTEN and First Lord. Thus in a chapel lying. Come off, come off; [Taking off her bracelet. SCENE II] As slippery as the Gordian knot was hard! 'Tis mine; and this will witness outwardly, As strongly as the conscience does within, 36 To the madding of her lord. On her left breast I' the bottom of a cowslip: here's a voucher; Stronger than ever law could make: this

Will force him think I have pick'd the lock and ta'en

The treasure of her honour. No more. To what

Why should I write this down, that's riveted, Screw'd to my memory? She hath been reading

The tale of Tereus; here the leaf's turn'd down Where Philomel gave up. I have enough: To the trunk again, and shut the spring of it. Swift, swift, you dragons of the night, that

dawning May bare the raven's eye! I lodge in fear; Though this a heavenly angel, hell is here. [Clock strikes.

One, two, three: time, time! [Goes into the trunk. The scene closes.

Scene III.—An Ante-chamber adjoining IMOGEN'S Apartments.

Enter CLOTEN and Lords.

First Lord. Your lordship is the most patient man in loss, the most coldest that ever turned up ace.

Clo. It would make any man cold to lose. 4 First Lord. But not every man patient after the noble temper of your lordship. You are The one is Caius Lucius. most hot and furious when you win.

gold enough. It's almost morning, is't not? First Lord. Day, my lord.

Clo. I would this music would come. I am advised to give her music o' mornings; they say it will penetrate.

Enter Musicians.

Come on; tune. If you can penetrate her with your fingering, so; we'll try with tongue too: if none will do, let her remain; but I'll never give o'er. First, a very excellent good-conceited thing; after, a wonderful sweet air, with admirable rich words to it: and then let her consider.

SONG.

Hark! hark! the lark at heaven's gate sings, And Phœbus 'gins arise, His steeds to water at those springs On chalic'd flowers that lies; And winking Mary-buds begin To ope their golden eyes: With every thing that pretty is, My lady sweet, arise: Arise, arise!

sider your music the better; if it do not, it is I yet not understand the case myself. a vice in her ears, which horse-hairs and calves'- By your leave.

guts, nor the voice of unpaved eunuch to boot, [Exeunt Musicians. can never amend. Sec. Lord. Here comes the king.

Clo. I am glad I was up so late, for that's the A mole cinque-spotted, like the crimson drops reason I was up so early; he cannot choose but take this service I have done fatherly.

Enter CYMBELINE and QUEEN.

Good morrow to your majesty and to my gracious mother.

Cym. Attend you here the door of our stern daughter?

Will she not forth? Clo. I have assail'd her with musics, but she vouchsafes no notice.

Cym. The exile of her minion is too new, She hath not yet forgot him; some more time Must wear the print of his remembrance out, 48 And then she's yours.

Queen. You are most bound to the king, Who lets go by no vantages that may Prefer you to his daughter. Frame yourself To orderly soliciting, and be friended With aptness of the season; make denials Increase your services; so seem as if You were inspir'd to do those duties which You tender to her; that you in all obey her 56 Save when command to your dismission tends,

And therein you are senseless. Senseless! not so. Clo.

Enter a Messenger.

Mess. So like you, sir, ambassadors from Rome;

A worthy fellow, 60 Cym. Clo. Winning will put any man into courage. Albeit he comes on angry purpose now; If I could get this foolish Imogen, I should have But that's no fault of his: we must receive him According to the honour of his sender; 11 And towards himself, his goodness forespent on us.

We must extend our notice. Our dear son, When you have given good morning to your mistress,

Attend the queen and us; we shall have need To employ you towards this Roman. Come, [Exeunt all but CLOTEN. our queen. Clo. If she be up, I'll speak with her; if not,

Let her lie still, and dream. By your leave, ho! I know her women are about her. What If I do line one of their hands? 'Tis gold 72

Which buys admittance; oft it doth; yea, and Diana's rangers false themselves, yield up Their deer to the stand o' the stealer; and 'tis

Which makes the true man kill'd and saves the

thief; 28 Nay, sometime hangs both thief and true man.
What

Can it not do and undo? I will make So, get you gone. If this penetrate, I will con- One of her women lawyer to me, for

Enter a Lady.

Lady. Who's there, that knocks? Clo. A gentleman. Lady. Clo. Yes, and a gentlewoman's son.

Ladv. [Aside.] That's more Than some whose tailors are as dear as yours 84 Wert thou the son of Jupiter, and no more Can justly boast of. What's your lordship's But what thou art besides, thou wert too base pleasure?

Clo. Your lady's person: is she ready? Ladv.

To keep her chamber.

Clo. There's gold for you; sell me your good For being preferr'd so well.

Lady. How! my good name? or to report of

What I shall think is good?—The princess!

Enter IMOGEN.

hand. Exit Lady. Imo. Good morrow, sir. You lay out too much pains For purchasing but trouble; the thanks I give Is telling you that I am poor of thanks

And scarce can spare them. Still, I swear I love you.

Imo. If you but said so, 'twere as deep with If you swear still, your recompense is still

If you swear sun,
That I regard it not.
This is no answer.

silent would not speak. I pray you, spare me: faith, shall unfold equal discourtesy

Should learn, being taught, forbearance.

Clo. To leave you in your madness, 'twere my sin: I will not.

Imo. Fools cure not mad folks.

Clo. Do you call me fool? Imo. As I am mad, I do:

If you'll be patient, I'll no more be mad; 108 That cures us both. I am much sorry, sir, You put me to forget a lady's manners.

By being so verbal; and learn now, for all, That I, which know my heart, do here pronounce To the worst of discontent. By the very truth of it, I care not for you; 113 And am so near the lack of charity,—
To accuse myself,—I hate you; which I had

rather You felt than make't my boast.

Clo. You sin against 116 Obedience, which you owe your father. For The contract you pretend with that base wretch, One bred of alms and foster'd with cold dishes, With scraps o' the court, it is no contract,

And though it be allow'd in meaner parties-Yet who than he more mean?-to knit their souls-

On whom there is no more dependancy

But brats and beggary-in self-figur'd knot: 124 Yet you are curb'd from that enlargement by The consequence o' the crown, and must not soil The precious note of it with a base slave, No more? A hilding for livery, a squire's cloth, A pantler, not so eminent.

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Profane fellow! Imo. To be his groom; thou wert dignified enough. Even to the point of envy, if 'twere made 133 Comparative for your virtues, to be styl'd The under-hangman of his kingdom, and hated

The south-fog rot him! Clo. Imo. He never can meet more mischance than come

To be but nam'd of thee. His meanest garment That ever hath but clipp'd his body, is dearer In my respect than all the hairs above thee, 140 Clo. Good morrow, fairest; sister, your sweet Were they all made such men. How now, Pisanio!

Enter PISANIO.

Clo. 'His garment!' Now, the devil-Imo. To Dorothy my woman hie thee pre-Clo. 'His garment!'

Imo. I am sprighted with a fool, 144 96 Frighted, and anger'd worse. Go, bid my woman

Search for a jewel that too casually Hathleft mine arm; it was thy master's, 'shrew me Imo. But that you shall not say I yield being If I would lose it for a revenue Of any king's in Europe. I do think I saw't this morning; confident I am 101 Last night 'twas on mine arm, I kiss'd it; To your best kindness. One of your great know- I hope it be not gone to tell my lord That I kiss aught but he.

'Twill not be lost. Imo. I hope so; go, and search. [Exit PISANIO.

Clo. You have abus'd me: 'His meanest garment!'

Imo. Ay, I said so, sir: 155 If you will make't an action, call witness to't. Clo. I will inform your father.

Imo. Your mother too: She's my good lady, and will conceive, I hope, But the worst of me. So I leave you, sir, Exit.

Clo. I'll be reveng'd. 160 'His meanest garment!' Well. [Exit.

SCENE IV .- Rome. A Room in PHILARIO'S House.

Enter POSTHUMUS and PHILARIO.

Post. Fear it not, sir; I would I were so sure To win the king as I am bold her honour Will remain hers.

What means do you make to him? Post. Not any, but abide the change of time, Quake in the present winter's state and wish 5 That warmer days would come; in these sear'd

I barely gratify your love; they failing,

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I must die much your debtor. Phi. Your very goodness and your company By both your wills. O'erpays all I can do. By this, your king Hath heard of great Augustus; Caius Lucius Will do's commission throughly, and I think He'll grant the tribute, send the arrearages, 13 You had of her pure honour gains or loses Is yet fresh in their grief. I do believe-

Post. Statist though I am none, nor like to be- 16 That this will prove a war; and you shall hear Must first induce you to believe; whose strength The legions now in Gallia sooner landed In our not-fearing Britain, than have tidings Of any penny tribute paid. Our countrymen 20 Are men more order'd than when Julius Cæsar You need it not. Smil'd at their lack of skill, but found their

courage Worthy his frowning at: their discipline,-Now winged,-with their courage will make Had that was well worth watching,-it was

To their approvers they are people such That mend upon the world. See! Iachimo! Phi.

Enter IACHIMO.

land. And winds of all the corners kiss'd your sails, 28 To make your vessel nimble.

Welcome, sir. Post. I hope the briefness of your answer Or by some other.

made

made
The speediness of your return.
Your lady Is one of the fairest that I have look'd upon 32 Or do your honour injury.

The chimney 80 Post. And therewithal the best; or let her beauty

Look through a casement to allure false hearts

And be false with them. Here are letters for you. Iach. Post. Their tenour good, I trust. 'Tis very like. 36 Iach.

Phi. Was Caius Lucius in the Britain court When you were there? He was expected then, Iach.

But not approach'd. All is well yet. Too dull for your good wearing? If I have lost it, Iach.

I should have lost the worth of it in gold. I'll make a journey twice as far to enjoy A second night of such sweet shortness which 44 Was mine in Britain; for the ring is won.

Post. The stone's too hard to come by. Not a whit, Your lady being so easy. Make not, sir, Iach.

Your loss your sport; I hope you know that we Be pale: I beg but leave to air this jewel; see! Must not continue friends.

Iach. If you keep covenant. Had I not brought The knowledge of your mistress home, I grant We were to question further, but I now 52 Once more let me behold it. Is it that Profess myself the winner of her honour,

Together with your ring; and not the wronger 8 Of her or you, having proceeded but

If you can make't apparent 56 Post. That you have tasted her in bed, my hand And ring is yours; if not, the foul opinion Orlook upon our Romans, whose remembrance Your sword or mine or masterless leaves both 60 To who shall find them.

Sir, my circumstances Iach. Being so near the truth as I will make them, will confirm with oath; which, I doubt not, 64 You'll give me leave to spare, when you shall

find

Proceed. Post. First, her bedchamber,-Iach. Where I confess I slept not, but profess

hang'd With tapestry of silk and silver; the story Proud Cleopatra, when she met her Roman, And Cydnus swell'd above the banks, or for The press of boats or pride; a piece of work 72 So bravely done, so rich, that it did strive Post. The swiftest harts have posted you by In workmanship and value; which I wonder'd Could be rarely and exactly wrought, Since the true life on't was—

This is true: 76 Post. And this you might have heard of here, by me,

More particulars Tach. Must justify my knowledge. So they must,

Post. Iach. Is south the chamber, and the chimney-piece Chaste Dian bathing; never saw I figures

So likely to report themselves; the cutter Was as another nature, dumb; outwent her, 84 Motion and breath left out. This is a thing Post.

Which you might from relation likewise reap, Being, as it is, much spoke of. The roof o' the chamber Iach.

With golden cherubins is fretted; her andirons-Sparkles this stone as it was wont? or is't not 40 I had forgot them—were two winking Cupids Of silver, each on one foot standing, nicely

Depending on their brands. This is her honour! Post. Let it be granted you have seen all this,-and praise Be given to your remembrance,—the descrip-

Of what is in her chamber nothing saves

The wager you have laid. Then, if you can, Iach.

[Showing the bracelet. Good sir, we must, 49 And now 'tis up again; it must be married 97 Had I not brought To that your diamond; I'll keep them.

Post. Which I left with her?