

Othello

That Othello, in jealous rage, strangles his wife, Desdomena, and then, in shame on realising her innocence, stabs himself and falls dying next to her on her bed is all but inevitable. Iago sought revenge on both Casio and Othello, after the latter, Venice's general, had promoted Casio to be his lieutenant. His scheming sowed doubts in Othello's mind about Desdomena's fidelity. Iago planted Desdomena's handkerchief in Casio's room and staged eavesdropped conversations that Othello would misconstrue. To avoid incrimination, he killed Roderigo, whom he had wanted to kill Casio, and stabs his own wife, Emilia, but is condemned to death.