Othello
William Shakespeare

1  1 d, 2 f, 3 b, 4 l, 5 k, 6 g, 7 a, 8 j, 9 c, 10 e, 11 h, 12 i

2  a  spoke  
   b  would have stabbed  
   c  will try  
   d  have done, will speak  
   e  will be  
   f  wishes  
   g  have sent, has called  
   h  could not find  
   i  will come  
   j  ’s done, ’s made  
   k  ’s got  
   l  will listen, respect

3  a  Montano: Can you see a ship?  
   b  Montano: What do you think has happened?  
   c  Messenger: Our war has ended! This terrible storm has stopped the Turkish attack.  
   d  Cassio: I am worried about General Othello.  
   e  Cassio: I am confident he will get here safely.  
   f  Montano: I have heard that Othello has got married.  
   g  Cassio: It is true. He has a wonderful new wife.  
   h  Cassio: His ship has arrived a week earlier than expected.  
   i  Desdemona: What news is there of my husband?  
   j  Cassio: I am sure he is well and will be here soon.  
   k  Iago: Wives are always nice and quiet in company.  
   l  Desdemona: I am worried about Othello.

4  /ɑː/ guard, argue, castle, start  
   /ɛː/ early, her, perfect  
   /ei/ make, lady, celebrate, way  
   /eə/ careful, there, bearer
5  Iago: Ha! Who says I play the villain? Everyone thinks I am an honest man. Desdemona is good and the Moor will do anything she asks him to do. So why am I a bad man to tell this fool Cassio to ask her for help? I’m going to catch them all in my web! This is my plan: he’s going to ask Desdemona for help, and she’s going to ask her husband to make Cassio his lieutenant again. And I’m going to pour poison into Othello’s ear: I’ll make him believe that Desdemona only wants to help Cassio because she’s in love with him. I’ll make sure Othello sees the two of them talking together, I’ll make him worry about it. Then the more she speaks in favour of Cassio, the more she’ll make Othello hate her. I’ll use her goodness in wanting to help a friend and turn it into a trap to catch them all.

6  a  Iago
   b  Iago
   c  Othello
   d  Othello
   e  Cassio
   f  Cassio
   g  Cassio
   h  Desdemona

7  a  honest: 8
   b  friend: 3
   c  seem(s): 2
   d  thinking: 7
   e  thoughts: 4

8  a  my peace of mind forever!
   b  my happiness.
   c  the well-dressed soldiers with feathers in their hats.
   d  the great wars which seem good to us.

9  bad, beautiful, careful, clean, dirty, honest, sweet, upset, worst

10 a  Desdemona: Here, my lord. 7
    b  Desdemona: How are you, my lord? 1
    c  Othello: I am well, my lady. Oh, how hard it is to lie! – How are you, Desdemona? 2
    d  Desdemona: I don’t have it with me. 9
    e  Othello: I have a cold today. Lend me your handkerchief. 6
    f  Desdemona: I’ve asked Cassio to come and talk to you. 5
    g  Desdemona: No, my lord. 11
    h  Othello: No, not that one. The one I gave you. 8
i  Othello: No? 10
j  Othello: That’s bad news. 12
k  Desdemona: Well, my lord. Now, let’s talk about your promise. 3
l  Othello: What promise? 4

11  a T, b T, c F, d T, e F, f T, g F, h T, i F, j F, k T, l F, m T, n F

12  Othello: You saw something then?
    Emilia: No, and I never heard anything. I didn’t think they were doing anything bad.
    Othello: But you have seen Iago and Desdemona together?
    Emilia: Yes, but I saw nothing wrong, and I heard everything they did.
    Othello: What? Didn’t they ever touch?
    Emilia: Never, my lord.
    Othello: Or send you off?
    Emilia: Never.
    Othello: To get her handkerchief or anything?
    Emilia: Never, my lord.
    Othello: That’s strange.
    Emilia: She is honest, my lord, I promise you. I think someone is telling you lies and hiding your head with doubts. If she isn’t honest, then no woman is.
    Othello: Ask her to come here. Emilia says Desdemona is honest, but why should I listen to her? Desdemona is very clever at deceiving people.

13  a  To go to bed and wait for him.
    b  No. he doesn’t.
    c  She still loves him.
    d  No, it’s only the wind.
    e  They itch.
    f  No, she wouldn’t.
    g  Their husbands teach them.

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