



Desdemona Text Changes

No Known Copyright

Princeton University Library reasonably believes that the Item is not restricted by copyright or related rights, but a conclusive determination could not be made.

You are free to use this Item in any way that is permitted by the copyright and related rights legislation that applies to your use.

Princeton University Library Disclaimer

Princeton University Library claims no copyright governing this digital resource. It is provided for free, on a non-commercial, open-access basis, for fair-use academic and research purposes only. Anyone who claims copyright over any part of these resources and feels that they should not be presented in this manner is invited to contact Princeton University Library, who will in turn consider such concerns and make every effort to respond appropriately. We request that users reproducing this resource cite it according the guidelines described at <http://rbcs.princeton.edu/policies/forms-citation>.

Citation Information

Morrison, Toni. 1931-
Desdemona Text Changes
1 folder

Contact Information

Download Information

Date Rendered: 2019-09-05 01:27:40 PM UTC

Available Online at: <http://arks.princeton.edu/ark:/88435/2n49t628x>

DESDEMONA

Text changes

5-8-11

p.34

SARAN:

I mean you don't even know my name. Barbary? **Barbary is Africa. It is the geography of the foreigner, the savage.** Barbary? Barbary is to you the sly, vicious enemy who must be put down at any price; held down at any cost for the conquerors' pleasure. Barbary is the name of those without whom you could neither live nor prosper.

p.51

DESDEMONA

To think I tried to save him. I was wrong. Was he always a fool?

OTHELLO:

Always. Burn he enrages me.
Probably. But I overlooked his fatal ignorance and crumbling pride because I believed him loyal. Fidelity is a necessity in the military. Lives depend on it, but I could not. I was doubted and deceived at every turn. Why? Because I am African? Because I was sold into slavery? Or because I was better than they? Whatever the reason, I had to prove myself over and over again. Cassio's fawning I welcomed in that malign atmosphere, until lies from every quarter infected me and disturbed the balance of my mind.

DESDEMONA:

I apologize for a profound error in judgment.