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Chapter 1 : All about Much Ado

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Leonato explains that "There is a kind of merry war betwixt Signor Benedick and her. Benedick, who openly despises marriage, tries to dissuade his friend but Don Pedro encourages the marriage. Benedick swears that he will never get married. Don Pedro laughs at him and tells him that when he has found the right person he shall get married. Don John uses this situation to get revenge on his brother Don Pedro by telling young Claudio that Don Pedro is wooing Hero for himself. Meanwhile, Benedick disguises himself and dances with Beatrice. Don Pedro and his men, bored at the prospect of waiting a week for the wedding, harbour a plan to match-make between Benedick and Beatrice. They arrange for Benedick to overhear a conversation in which they declare that Beatrice is madly in love with him but afraid to tell him; that their pride is the main impediment to their courtship. The tricks have the desired effect: Claudio and Don Pedro are taken in, and Claudio vows to humiliate Hero publicly. Her humiliated father Leonato expresses the wish that she would die. The presiding friar intervenes, believing Hero to be innocent. Beatrice then asks Benedick to slay Claudio as proof of his devotion, since he has slandered her kinswoman. Benedick is horrified and at first denies her request. Benedick then does the same. Benedick is following the commands of Beatrice and is one of the few who believe Hero. Despite the comic ineptness of the Watch headed by constable Dogberry, a master of malapropisms, they have overheard the duo discussing their evil plans. Though Don John has fled the city, a force is sent to capture him. At the wedding, the bride is revealed to be Hero, still living. Thus Benedick gives him the advice "Get thee a wife. The earliest printed text states that *Much Ado About Nothing* was "sundry times publicly acted" prior to and it is likely that the play made its debut in the autumn or winter of 1598" The play was published in quarto in by the stationers Andrew Wise and William Aspley. This was the only edition prior to the First Folio in Analysis and criticism[edit] Style[edit] The play is one of the few in the Shakespeare canon where the majority of the text is written in prose. Sicily was ruled by Aragon at the time the play was set. Act II, Scene v: While this was reflected and emphasized in certain plays of the period, it was also challenged. It seems that comic drama could be a means of calming such anxieties. Infidelity[edit] A theme in Shakespeare is cuckoldry or the infidelity of a wife. Several of the characters seem to be obsessed by the idea that a man has no way to know if his wife is faithful and therefore women can take full advantage of that fact. Many of the males easily believe that Hero is impure and even her father readily condemns her with very little proof. This motif runs through the play, often in references to horns, a symbol of cuckoldry. Some interpretations say that Balthasar sings poorly, undercutting the message. However, in the Branagh film Balthasar sings beautifully, the song is also given a prominent role in both the opening and finale and the message appears to be embraced by the women in the film. The games and tricks played on people often have the best intentionsâ€”to make people fall in love, to help someone get what they want, or to lead someone to realize their mistake. Masks and mistaken identity[edit] People are constantly pretending to be others or being mistaken for other people. However, during a masked ball in which everyone must wear a mask, Beatrice rants about Benedick to a masked man who turns out to be Benedick himself but she acts unaware of this at the time. During the same celebration, Don Pedro, masked, pretends to be Claudio and courts Hero for him. After Hero is announced "dead," Leonato orders Claudio to marry his "niece," who is actually Hero in disguise. Noting[edit] A watercolor by John Sutcliffe: Beatrice overhears Hero and Ursula. The title could also be understood as *Much Ado About Noting*. Much of the action is in interest in and critique of others, written messages, spying, and eavesdropping. This is mentioned several times, particularly concerning "seeming," "fashion," and outward impressions. Nothing is a double entendre; "an O-thing" or "n othing" or "no thing" was Elizabethan slang for "vagina", evidently derived from the pun of a woman having "nothing"

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between her legs. Benedick, didst thou note the daughter of Signor Leonato? I noted her not, but I looked on her. Hear me a little, For I have only been silent so long And given way unto this course of fortune By noting of the lady. Thou knowest that the fashion of a doublet, or a hat, or a cloak is nothing to a man. A triple play on words in which noting signifies noticing, musical notes and nothing occurs at 2. Nay pray thee, come; Or if thou wilt hold longer argument, Do it in notes. Note this before my notes: Why, these are very crotchets that he speaks

“Note notes, forsooth, and nothing!”

The following are puns on notes as messages: I pray you leave me. Now you talk of a sheet of paper, I remember a pretty jest your daughter told us of. O, when she had writ it and was reading it over, she found Benedick and Beatrice between the sheet? The play was very popular in its early decades, as it would be later: David Garrick first played Benedick in and continued to play him until John Gielgud made Benedick one of his signature roles between and , playing the part opposite the Beatrice of Diana Wynyard , Peggy Ashcroft , and Margaret Leighton. The longest running Broadway production is A. Director Terry Hands produced the play on a stage-length mirror, against an unchanging backdrop of painted trees.

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Chapter 2 : SparkNotes: Much Ado About Nothing

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Much Ado About Nothing is a play by William Shakespeare first performed in

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will perform an abridged version of "Much Ado About Nothing". two of the actors will take four (or more) shots at the beginning of the show and then other cast members may drink shots as well, at the whim of the audience.

Chapter 6 : About Much Ado About Nothing

Now, since Much Ado About Nothing is a comedy of errors, implying that much of the plot is based on a misunderstanding, false claims, and gossip, the "noting" part refers to meanings such as taking notes and badly interpreting them, falsely concluding a situation and even spying or eavesdropping.

Chapter 7 : Much ado about nothing - Shakespeare's hidden rude words

Much Ado About Nothing is one of Shakespeare's most frequently performed comedies. It was written in the latter part of the 16th century, and it was performed soon afterward by the Lord Chamberlain's Men, the theatrical company in which William Shakespeare had a business interest separate from his duties as actor and playwright.

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