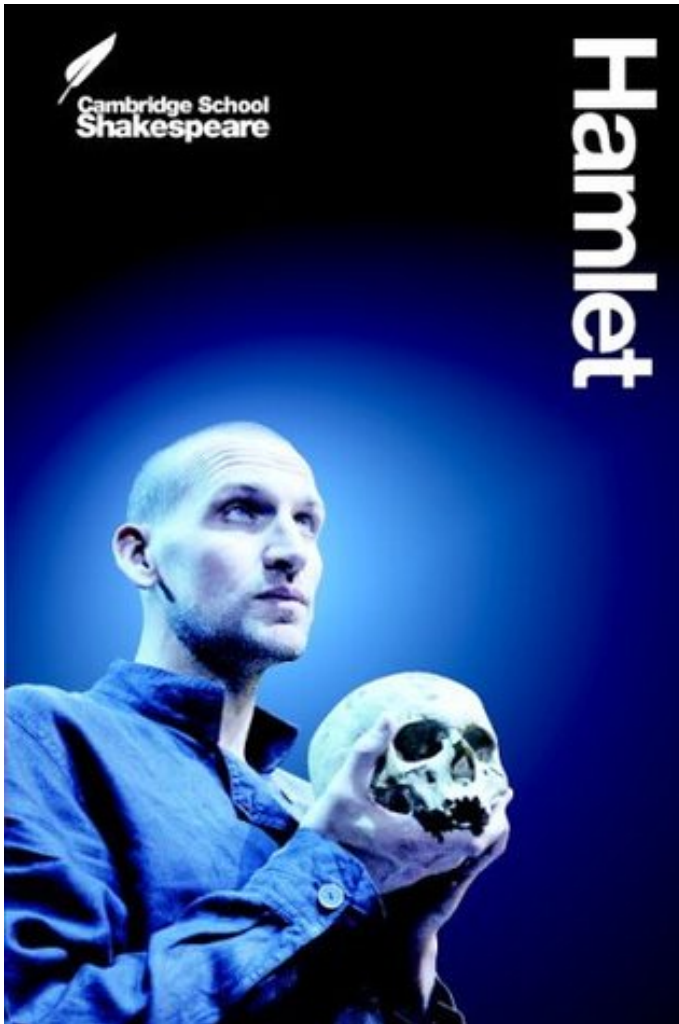

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ACT I

SCENE I

The Battlements of Elsinore Castle.

[Enter HAMLET, followed by GHOST:]

GHOST: Oi! Mush!

HAMLET: Yer?

GHOST: I was fucked!

[Exit GHOST:]

HAMLET: O Fuck.

[Exit HAMLET:]

SCENE II

The Throneroom.

[Enter KING CLAUDIUS, GERTRUDE, HAMLET and COURT:]

CLAUDIUS: Oi! You, Hamlet, give over!

HAMLET: Fuck off, won't you?

[Exit CLAUDIUS, GERTRUDE, COURT:]

HAMLET: (Alone) They could have fucking waited.

[Enter HORATIO:]

HORATIO: Oi! Watcha cock!

HAMLET: Weeeeeey!

[Exeunt:]

SCENE III

Ophelia's Bedroom.

[Enter OPHELIA and LAERTES:]

LAERTES: I'm fucking off now. Watch Hamlet doesn't slip you one while I'm gone.

OPHELIA: I'll be fucked if he does.

[Exeunt:]

SCENE IV

The Battlements.

[Enter HORATIO, HAMLET and GHOST.:]

GHOST: Oi! Mush, get on with it!

HAMLET: Who did it then?

GHOST: That wanker Claudius. He poured fucking poison in my fucking ear!

HAMLET: Fuck me!

[Exeunt.:]

ACT II

SCENE I

A corridor in the castle.

[Enter HAMLET reading. Enter POLONIUS.:]

POLONIUS: Oi! You!

HAMLET: Fuck off, grandad!

[Exit POLONIUS. Enter ROSENCRANZ and GUILDENSTERN.:]

ROS & GUILD: Oi! Oi! Mucca!

HAMLET: Fuck off, the pair of you!

[Exit ROS & GUILD.:]

HAMLET: (Alone) To fuck or be fucked.

[Enter OPHELIA.:]

OPHELIA: My Lord!

HAMLET: Fuck off to a nunnery!

[They exit in different directions.:]

ACT III

SCENE I

The Throne Room.

[Enter PLAYERS and all COURT.:]

FIRST PLAYER: Full thirty times hath Phoebus cart...

CLAUDIUS: I'll be fucked if I watch any more of this crap.

[Exeunt.:]

SCENE II

Gertrude's Bedchamber.

[Enter GERTRUDE and POLONIUS, who hides behind an arras.:]

[Enter HAMLET.:]

HAMLET: Oi! Slag!

GERTRUDE: Watch your fucking mouth, kid!

POLONIUS: (From behind the curtain) Too right.

HAMLET: Who the fuck was that?

[He stabs POLONIUS through the arras.:]

POLONIUS: Fuck!

[POLONIUS dies.:]

HAMLET: Fuck! I thought it was that other wanker.

[Exeunt.:]

ACT IV

SCENE I

A Court Room.

[Enter HAMLET, CLAUDIUS.:]

CLAUDIUS: Fuck off to England then!

HAMLET: Delighted, mush.

SCENE II

The Throne Room.

[Enter OPHELIA, GERTRUDE and CLAUDIUS.:]

OPHELIA: Here, cop a whack of this.

[She hands GERTRUDE some rosemary and exits.:]

CLAUDIUS: She's fucking round the twist, isn't she?

GERTRUDE: (Looking out the window.) There is a willow grows aslant the brook.

CLAUDIUS: Get on with it, slag.

GERTRUDE: Ophelia's gone and fucking drowned!

CLAUDIUS: Fuck! Laertes isn't half going to be browned off.

[Exeunt.:]

SCENE III

A Corridor.

[Enter LAERTES.:]

LAERTES: (Alone) I'm going to fucking do this lot.

[Enter CLAUDIUS.:]

CLAUDIUS: I didn't fucking do it, mate. It was that wanker Hamlet.

LAERTES: Well, fuck him.

[Exeunt.:]

ACT V

SCENE I

Hamlet's Bedchamber.

[Enter HAMLET and HORATIO.:]

HAMLET: I got this feeling I'm going to cop it, Horatio, and you know, I couldn't give a flying fuck.

[Exeunt.:]

SCENE II

Large Hall.

[Enter HAMLET, LAERTES, COURT, GERTRUDE, CLAUDIUS.:]

LAERTES: Oi, wanker: let's get on with it.

HAMLET: Delighted, fuckface.

[They fight and both are poisoned by the poisoned sword.:]

LAERTES: Fuck!

HAMLET: Fuck!

[The QUEEN drinks.:]

GERTRUDE: Fucking odd wine!

CLAUDIUS: You drunk the wrong fucking cup, you stupid cow!

[GERTRUDE dies.:]

HAMLET: (Pouring the poison down CLAUDIUS'S throat) Well, fuck you!

CLAUDIUS: I'm fair and squarely fucked.

[CLAUDIUS dies.:]

LAERTES: Oi, mush: no hard feelings, eh?

HAMLET: Yer.

[LAERTES dies.:]

HAMLET: Oi! Horatio!

HORATIO: Yer?

HAMLET: I'm fucked. The rest is fucking silence.

[HAMLET dies.:]

HORATIO: Fuck: that was no ordinary wanker, you know.

[Enter FORTINBRAS.:]

FORTINBRAS: What the fuck's going on here?

HORATIO: A fucking mess, that's for sure.

FORTINBRAS: No kidding. I see Hamlet's fucked.

HORATIO: Yer.

FORTINBRAS: Fucking shame: fucking good bloke.

HORATIO: Too fucking right.

FORTINBRAS: Fuck this for a lark then. Let's piss off.

[Exeunt with alarums.:]

Ophelia: This guy completely creeps me out:



Do you realise I had to stage my own suicide to get rid of him? That thing he does with the skull? It isn't the half of it....but you really don't want to know.

Nah. This is the guy for me. Sweet, brings me flowers and honey. Has the cutest friends.



Go Winnie.

J.G. Keely: Shakespeare is an adept poet and master of the language. He layers on jokes, puns, and references everywhere. He has a massive output of work, and a number of different plots. When we compare him to other authors, it is difficult to find anyone who stacks up--but then, we're often comparing him to the wrong people.

Shakespeare didn't write books or pamphlets or epics, he wrote plays: short pieces of drama that were meant to be fast-paced and exciting. That they are mainly experienced today as

bound books and not theatrical productions does not change their origins. If one wants to look at the achievements of Shakespeare, he should be compared to someone of a similar bent.

He should be compared with prolific writers known for catchy jokes and phrases. Writers who reuse old plots, making fun of their traditions. Writers of work meant to be performed. Writers who aim for the lowest common denominator, while still including the occasional high-minded political commentary. He should be compared to the writers of South Park; or the Simpsons; or MAD Magazine.

Shakespeare was meant to be lowbrow and political, but now it only reads that way to those who are well-educated enough to understand his language, reference, and the political scene of the time. If you do know the period lingo, then his plays are [just as filthy](#) as any episode of South Park.

For example, the word 'wit' refers to a fellow's manhood (this one comes up a lot), here's an example from *Much Ado About Nothing*:

Don Pedro: *I said that thou hadst a great wit. Yay, said she, a great gross one. Nay, say I, a fine wit. Yay, said she, a fine little one. Nay, said I, a good wit. Just, said she, it hurts nobody.*

Plus there's the title of that play, which references the fact that 'nothing' was slang for a woman's maidenhead, which occurs also in Hamlet:

Hamlet: *That's a fair thought to lie between a maid's legs.*

Ophelia: *What is, my lord?*

Hamlet: *Nothing.*

He was also not one to pass up a good [cunt joke](#).

Shakespeare often refers to mythology because that was the standard pool of reference for authors at the time. Family Guy references 1980's pop culture. Is that any less esoteric? How esoteric will Mr. T be after 400 years (assuming he doesn't find his way into the latest testament of the bible anytime soon)?

Additionally, all of Shakespeare's magnificent plots were lifted, sometimes whole cloth, from other books and histories, just like how sit coms reuse 'episode types' or borrow plots from popular movies. Shakespeare was not quite as visionary or deep as he is often given credit for. Rather, he was always so indistinct with the motives and thoughts of his characters that two critics could assign two completely different and conflicting motives, but find both equally well-supported.

Is Shylock evil because he's a Jew, evil despite the fact, or evil because of the effects of racism on him? You can make a case for all three. Marlowe (the more practised and precise writer)

never left interpretation to chance, and where has it gotten him?

Shakespeare was an inspired and prolific author, and his effect on writing and talent for aphorism cannot be overstated. I think he probably wrote the King James version because it is so pretty. However, he is not the be-all and end-all of writing.

His popularity and central position in the canon comes mainly from the fact that you can write anything you like about his plays. Critics and professors don't have to scramble, or even leave their comfort zone. Shakespeare's work is opaque enough that it rejects no particular interpretation. No matter your opinions, you can find them reflected in Shakespeare; or at least, not outright refuted.

His is a grey world, and his lack of agenda leaves us pondering what he could possibly have been like as a person. His indirect approach makes his writing the perfect representation of an unsure, unjust world. No one is really right or wrong, and even if they were, there would be no way to prove it.

I don't know whether this makes him the most or least poignant of writers. Is the author's absence from the stories the most rarefied example of the craft, or is it just lighthearted pandering? Either way, he's still a clever, amusing, insightful, and helplessly dirty fellow.

Grace Tjan: For the fame dying fit assessment Tournament, Hamlet vs Winnie-the-Pooh... Sometimes Winnie-the-Pooh likes a online game of a few style while he comes downstairs, and infrequently he loves to take a seat quietly in entrance of the hearth and hear a story. This eve- ning— "What a couple of story?" acknowledged Christopher Robin. "What a few story?" I said. "Could you very sweetly inform Winnie-the-Pooh one?" "I feel I could," I said. "What type of tales does he like?" "About himself. simply because he is that kind of Bear." "Oh, I see. Well, this actual tale isn't really approximately him, yet it's whatever that i believe you either would favor very much." "So might you very sweetly?" "I'll try," I said. So I tried. Once upon a time, a long time in the past now, approximately 400 years ago, lived a prince referred to as Hamlet in a citadel in Denmark. ("What is 'Denmark'?" requested Christopher Robin. "It's a northern eu kingdom the place you pay taxes as much as your nose, and the place for this reason you need to spend all of your operating existence on the Tivoli Gardens making sizeable LEGO collectible figurines of Trolls and Cheese Danishes whereas consuming plenty of beer." "Winnie-the-Pooh is not particularly yes even if he wish to dwell there," stated Christopher Robin. "But i need to hear the story," acknowledged a growly voice. "Then i'm going to cross on," stated I.) One evening while he used to be out strolling at the citadel wall, Prince Hamlet observed a Ghost, who appeared extraordinarily like his past due father, the King of Denmark. Hamlet wasn't in any respect yes approximately what the Ghost used to be conversing about, so he sat down on the foot of the castle, positioned his head among his fingers and started to think. First of all he acknowledged to himself: "My father's spirit in arms! All isn't well. You don't get all this speak about murders such a lot foul and incestuous beds like that, simply humming and humming with no its that means something. If there's a buzzing-noise, somebody's creating a buzzing-noise, and the one cause of creating a humming noise that i do know is simply because there's something rotten within the nation of Denmark." ("What is 'incestuous'?" requested Christopher Robin. "Umm --- it's whilst your mom sleeps together

with your uncle, rather than your father.” “What’s unsuitable with that?” “Uh --- grown-ups don’t like that. You’ll realize it while you’re older.” “Oh, it truly is a type of things. Alright. again to the story.”) Then he idea one other lengthy time, and said: “And the one explanation for being a Prince that i do know of is taking revenge.” And then he received up, and said: “And the one explanation for taking revenge is so i will kill my uncle and my mother.” So he started to faux to be mad. He pretended and he pretended and he pretended, and as he pretended he sang a little song to himself. It went like this: To be, or to not be—that is the question: Whether ‘tis nobler within the brain to suffer The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune Or to take palms opposed to a sea of troubles And by way of opposing finish them. To die, to sleep— “I forgot the remainder --- it’s been awhile due to the fact that I’ve been a schoolboy,” stated I. “Oh, that’s alright. I don’t comprehend it anyway. simply pass on with the tale please,” acknowledged Christopher Robin. “Did he get to kill his uncle and mother?” requested a growly voice. “Well, he did kill his uncle with a sword, and his mom died consuming poisoned wine that was once intended for him. yet now not sooner than he made his female friend move mad and kill herself.” “But why?” requested Christopher Robin. “Umm --- possibly he didn’t suggest to make her cross mad. yet he killed her father and that made her move mad. after which she drowned.” “I imagine this Hamlet is a foul man”, acknowledged a growly voice. “Is that the top of the story?” requested Christopher Robin. “No,” I said, “the tale ends while Hamlet himself dies.” “Winnie-the-Pooh doesn’t quite like this story,” stated Christopher Robin. “Why? it’s a sturdy story, isn’t it?” requested I. “Because he hasn’t any brain,” replied Christopher Robin. He gave a deep sigh, picked his endure up through the leg and walked off to the door, trailing Winnie-the-Pooh in the back of him. on the door he became and said, "Coming to work out me have my bath?" "I might," I said. "Is that the one tale that you just know?" "We can hearken to whatever extra pleased subsequent time," I said. He nodded and went out . . . and in a second I heard Winnie-the-Pooh—bump, bump, bump—going up the steps in the back of him. Winnie-the-Pooh votes for tales approximately himself opposed to Hamlet simply because whereas he thinks that Hamlet is an effective story, Hamlet himself is a truly undesirable man.

João Fernandes: (Kronborg Castle) “To be, or to not be; that’s the question: even if ‘tis nobler within the brain to undergo The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, Or to take fingers opposed to a sea of troubles, And, through opposing, finish them. To die, to sleep—No more, and by way of a snooze to claim we finish The heartache and the thousand typical shocks That flesh is inheritor to—’tis a consummation Devoutly to be wished. To die, to sleep. To sleep, maybe to dream.” [Third read, first time in English] I had forgotten how a lot i like this play and as a result i’ll do one among my lengthy reports for it. i did not are looking to begin with Hamlet’s well-known soliloquy, however it is only one of the main appealing items ever written so i’m going to care for the disgrace of the cliché. Poisoned Minds "Madness in nice ones must never unwatched go" - King Claudius The simple plot of Hamlet is straightforward enough: brother kills king, turns into king himself and marries queen, nephew avenges his father. within the grand scheme of things, Hamlet Prince of Denmark is the hero, avenger and justiciar. but Hamlet isn’t really a white knight; he murders, deceives, and psychologically tortures for the sake of his revenge. Hamlet learns of his father’s dying through the spectre of the outdated King Hamlet, who asks his son to avenge him. during this act we’re reassured of Hamlet’s correct to kill his uncle; there’s a heavenly prerogative that casts this actual homicide on a favorable light. however the deaths of Polonius, Laertes, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern additionally lay at Prince Hamlet’s ft - until eventually what aspect can we aid a sorrowful son avenging his father

and claiming his rightful crown and begin to determine Hamlet as mentally distressed youth? Hamlet turns into without all emotion (casting his lover Ophelia aside) and purpose, and turns into ate up by way of the desire to kill Claudius and declare the crown of Denmark: "from the desk of my reminiscence I'll wipe away all trivial fond records, All saws of books, all forms, all pressures past, That adolescence and statement copied there, And thy commandment on their own shall stay in the e-book and quantity of my brain" His tools for doing so are odd. In my opinion, Hamlet's pretend insanity isn't really lots faux yet exaggerated, in that Hamlet couldn't in all likelihood sustain appearances with the King and Queen as a result of his grief and rage. He pretends to be mad simply because he's going mad, excusing his behaviour and murderous developments by means of faking psychological illness. Interestingly, Hamlet doesn't resent Laertes for eager to avenge his father Polonius, yet blames the homicide on his presumed "madness" within the hopes of escaping the duel. I ponder if Claudius claimed his lust for strength got here from psychological sickness Hamlet might forgive him. Apparently enough, Hamlet isn't really lots the distressed lunatic every person thinks he's yet one of many sanest humans at court. Instead, the 2 characters slowly collapsing into insanity will be in truth Ophelia and Claudius. Ophelia's insanity mimics that of her lover simply because very like Hamlet's fake craziness it stems either from the grief over a loss of life of a father (Polonius instead of Hamlet Sr.) and the lack of a lover's realization (Hamlet getting bored instead of Ophelia's rejection). Hamlet, either her spurner and assassin of her father, nonetheless has the nerve to assert speedier tears than Laertes', once more pushing aside the results of his activities and entirely believing his personal lie concerning the quantity of his madness. Claudius, at the different hand, suffers from the most typical of royal ailments, the holy triad of usurpers: lust for power, murder, guilt. Claudius' scenario is among the most typical of all themes in literature, just like such a lot of others: in Shakespeare alone, King John/Arthur Plantagenet/Louis the Dauphin in 'King John', Henry Bolingbroke from 'Richard II', the Percy/Mortimer axis in 'Henry IV half One', Richard Duke of York and Edward IV in Henry VI, Richard III in 'Richard III' all plow through comparable pains to usurp power. Claudius a minimum of regrets his situation, very like the lately topped Henry IV, and attempts to appreciate how one can make emends. The place Bolingbroke gives you a holy campaign however, Claudius bargains nothing, wishing to maintain Gertrude, the crown and feature a fresh conscience. He is aware he'll by no means be freed from the guilt of his fratricide: "My phrases fly up, my techniques stay below. phrases with no techniques by no means to heaven go." the article approximately revenge is that it by no means ends. should still Laertes kill Hamlet, a grieving Gertrude may avenge her child, or a scared Claudius, fearing one other rebellion within the tones of 'Laertes King', may possibly kill the younger man. And it maintains indefinitely, like a tennis online game among factions or a Möbius strip the place the 2 curves are houses, alike in indignity. "Revenge should not have any bounds" - Claudius presently ahead of his demise by way of revenge overdose. All those characters, be them royal or servants, turn out useless within the end. The poison that kills them isn't lots the venom of their blades and wine, however the irrepressible emotions of guilt and grief, that leads them to do the unspeakable and discard their very own fault on it. And the gorgeous strains Shakespeare crafted into this darkish story are the sweetest antidote opposed to the hateful spiral this cautionary story warns about: "Thou know'st 'tis universal - all that lives needs to die, Passing via nature to eternity."

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