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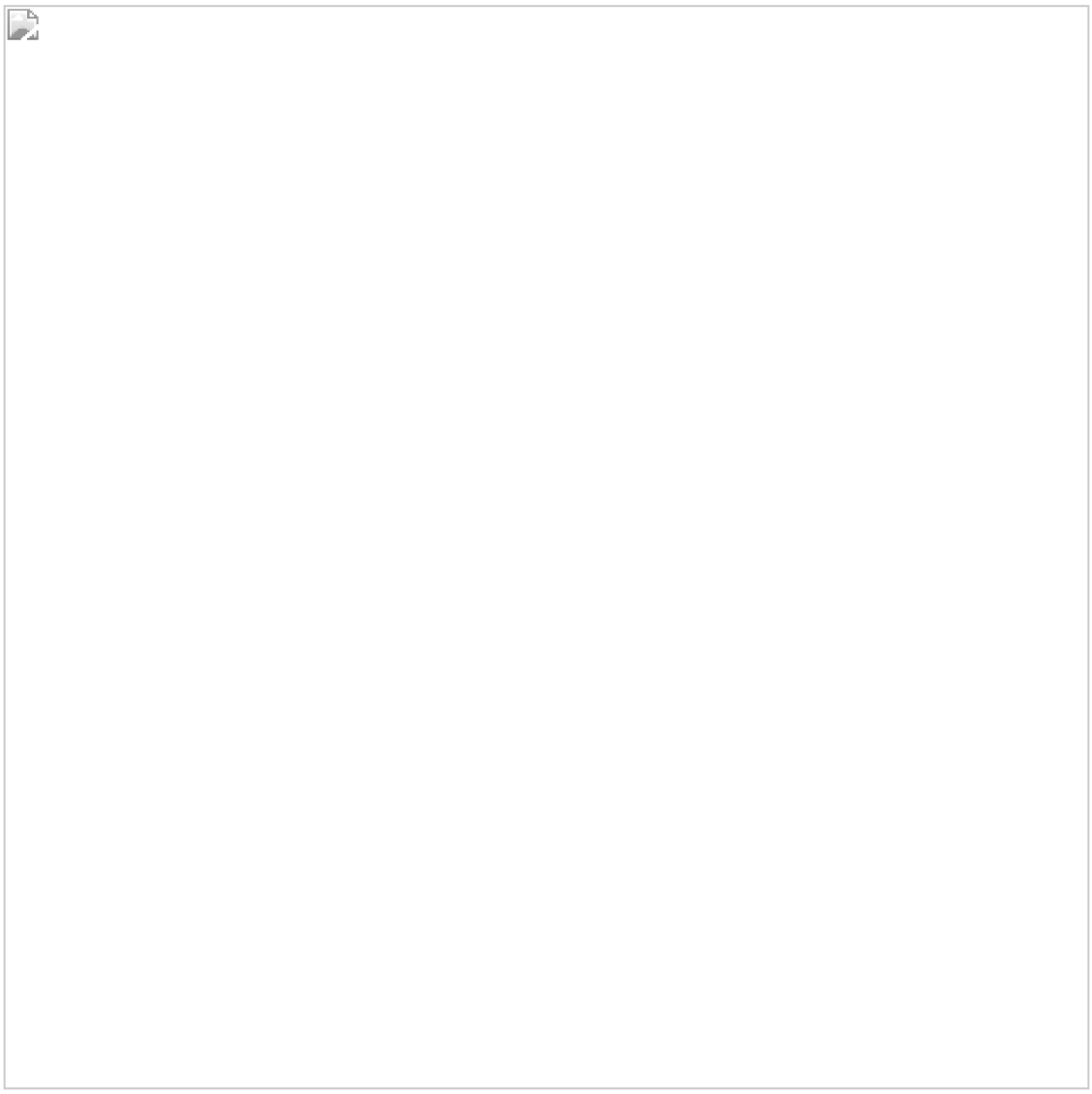
Twelfth Night

A Play by Shakespeare



In a land called Illyria, long ago, there lived a Duke named Orsino. He loved a countess named Olivia, and he wanted to marry her. He called for his musicians: "If music be the food of love, play on".

But Olivia's brother had died, and she was very sad. She said she would stay veiled in her house for seven years, and she would not listen to the Duke at all.

TALK ABOUT IT

The Duke loves Olivia, but she will not see him. What do you think might happen next?

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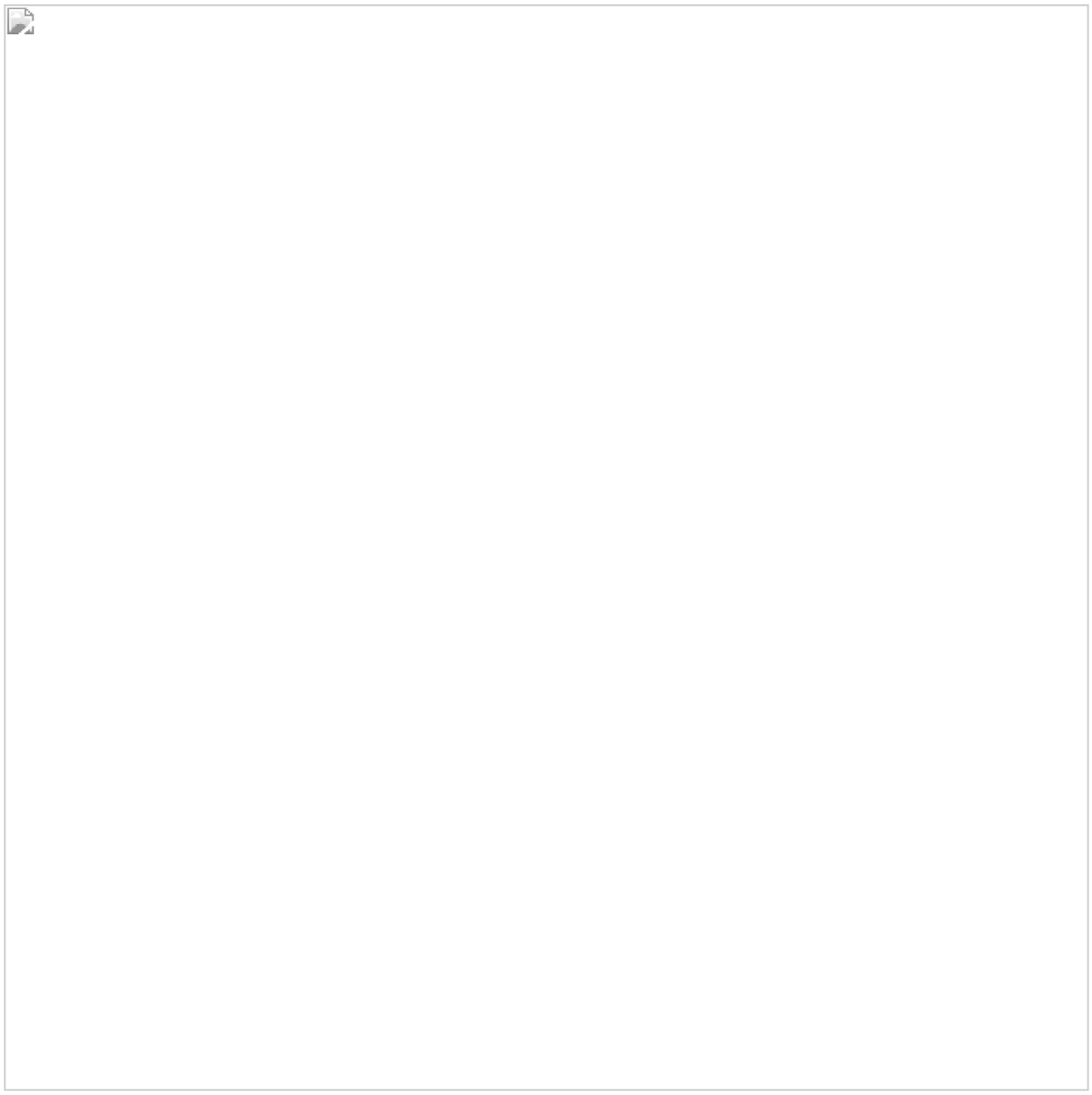

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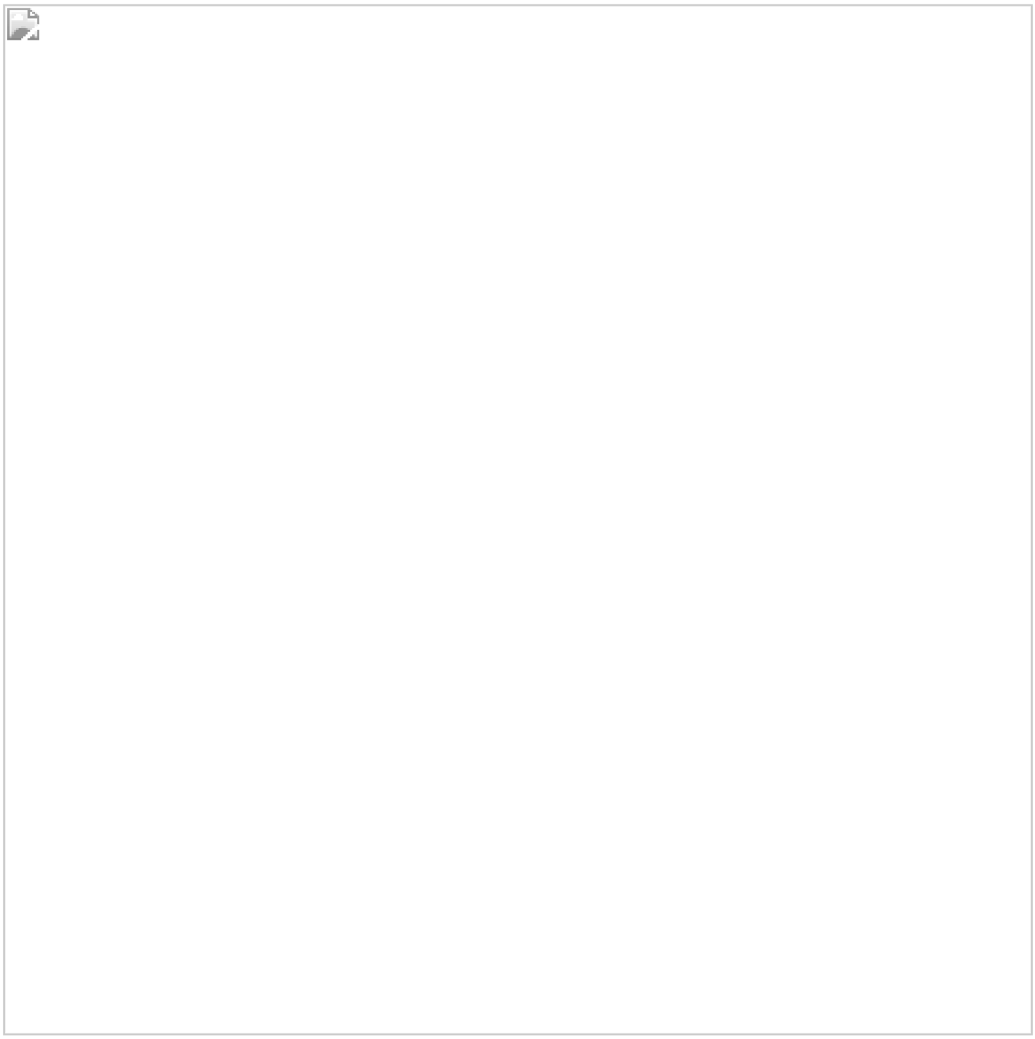


A big storm wrecked a ship at sea. A young woman named Viola was washed ashore with the sailors, but her twin brother, Sebastian, had been on the ship too.

“This is Illyria, lady,” said the sea captain. “Perchance he is not drown’d,” said Viola.

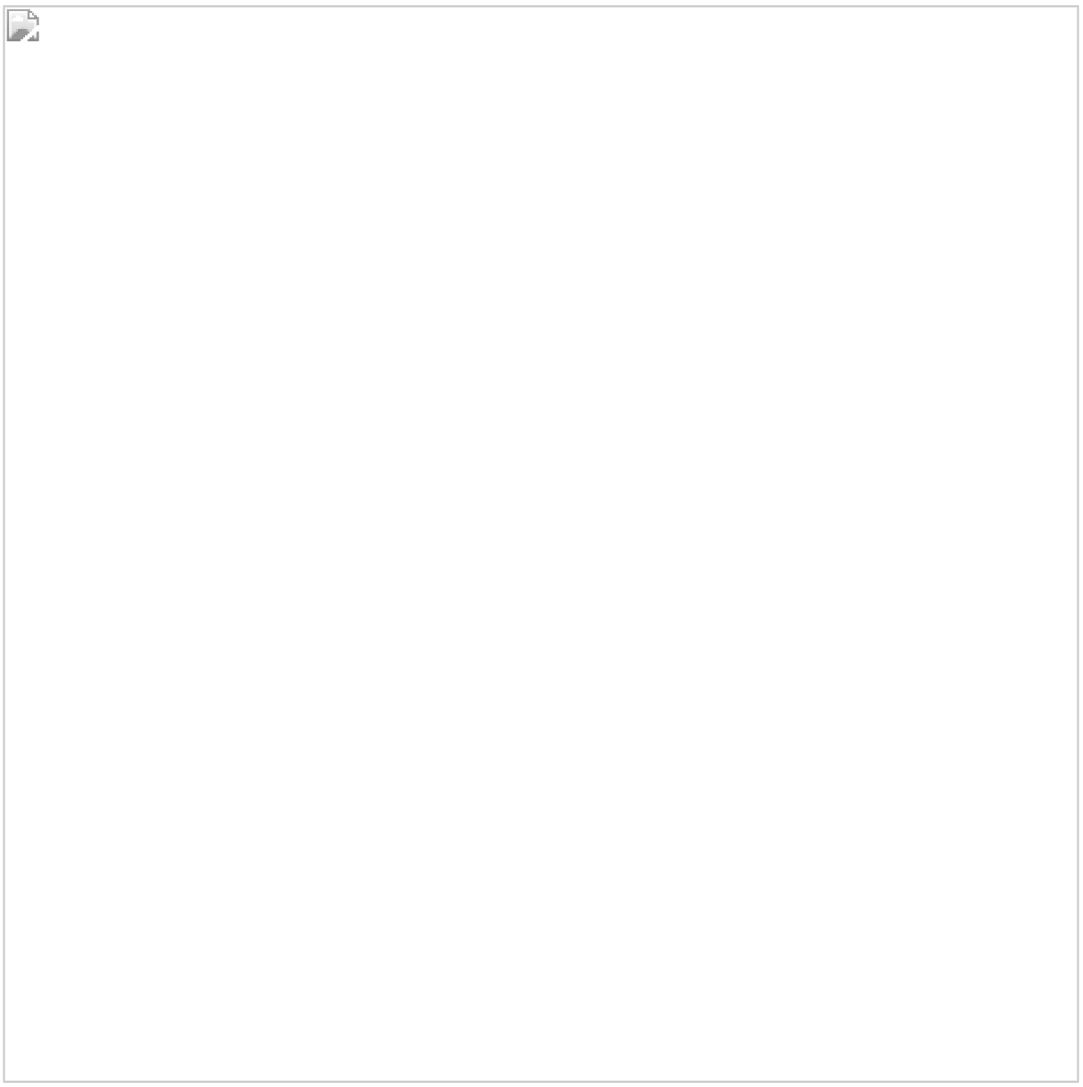
The captain had seen Sebastian tie himself to a strong mast and ride the waves. That gave Viola hope.

Alone in a strange land, Viola decided to dress as a young man and work for the Duke. “Conceal me what I am, and be my aid,” she asked the captain. She called herself Cesario.

TALK ABOUT IT

Viola did not know if her brother was alive. What would you do if you had to start over in a strange place?

Washed Ashore · another picture

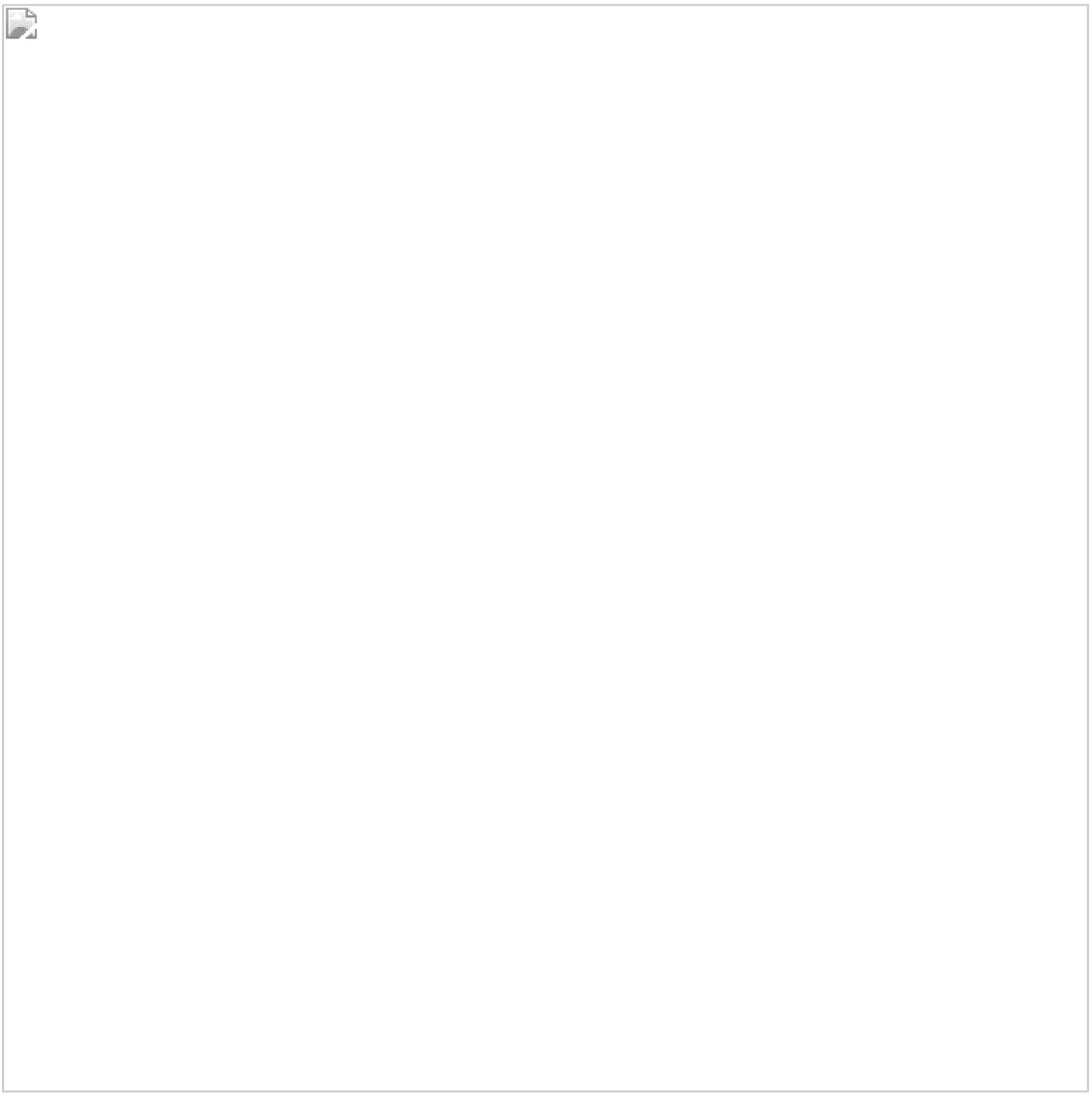


Think about it

1. What name did Viola use when she dressed as a young man?

- ○ Sebastian
- ○ Cesario
- ○ Orsino

Cesario



Cesario quickly became the Duke's favorite helper. He told Cesario everything about how much he loved Olivia.

He sent Cesario with messages to Olivia's house. But there was a secret: Viola had fallen in love with the Duke herself.

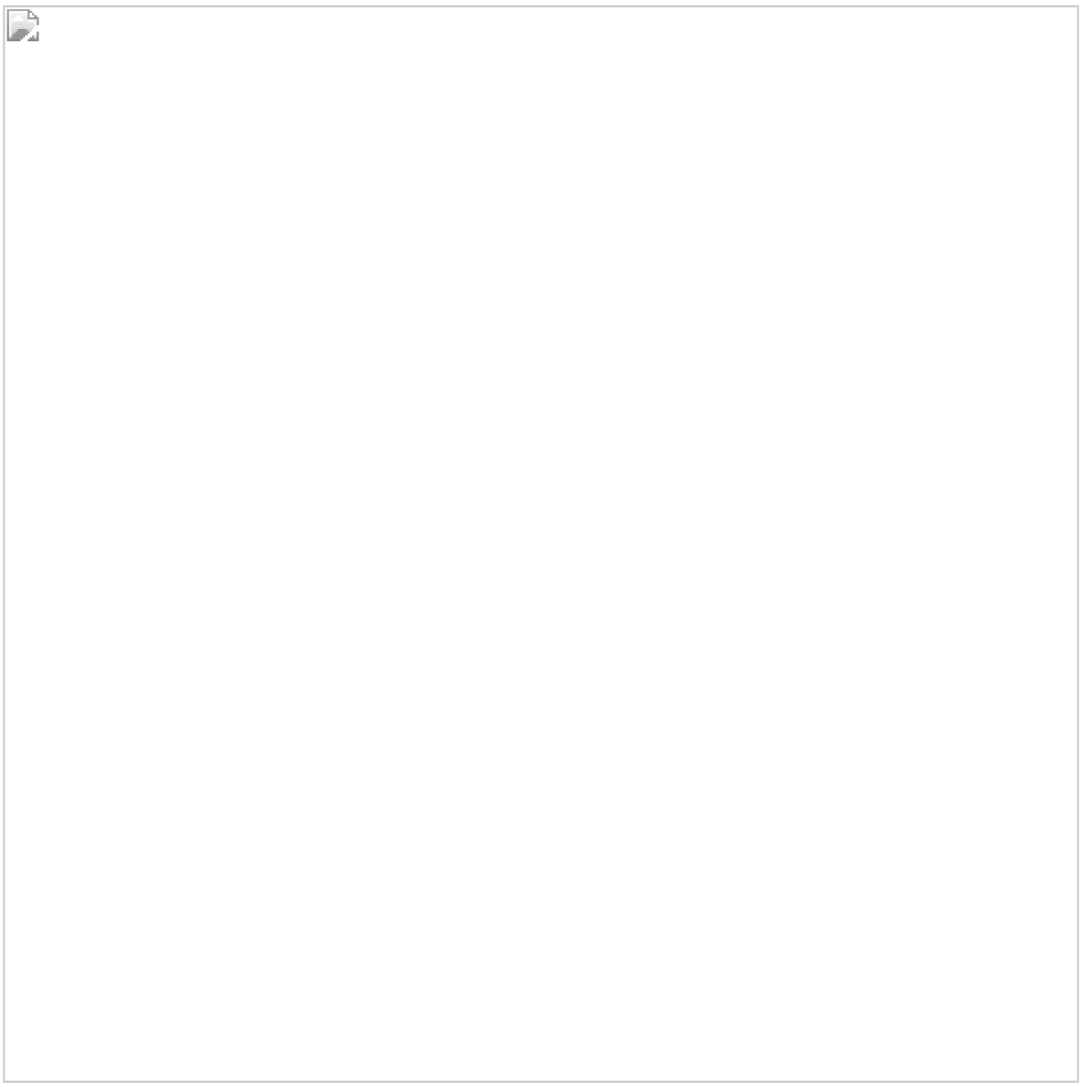
"Whoe'er I woo, myself would be his wife," she said quietly, to herself.

One day she told the Duke about a sister who loved someone and would not say so. "She never told her love," said Viola. She was really talking about herself, but the Duke did not know.

TALK ABOUT IT

Viola told the Duke a story that was really about her. Why might it be hard to say what is in your heart?

Cesario · another picture

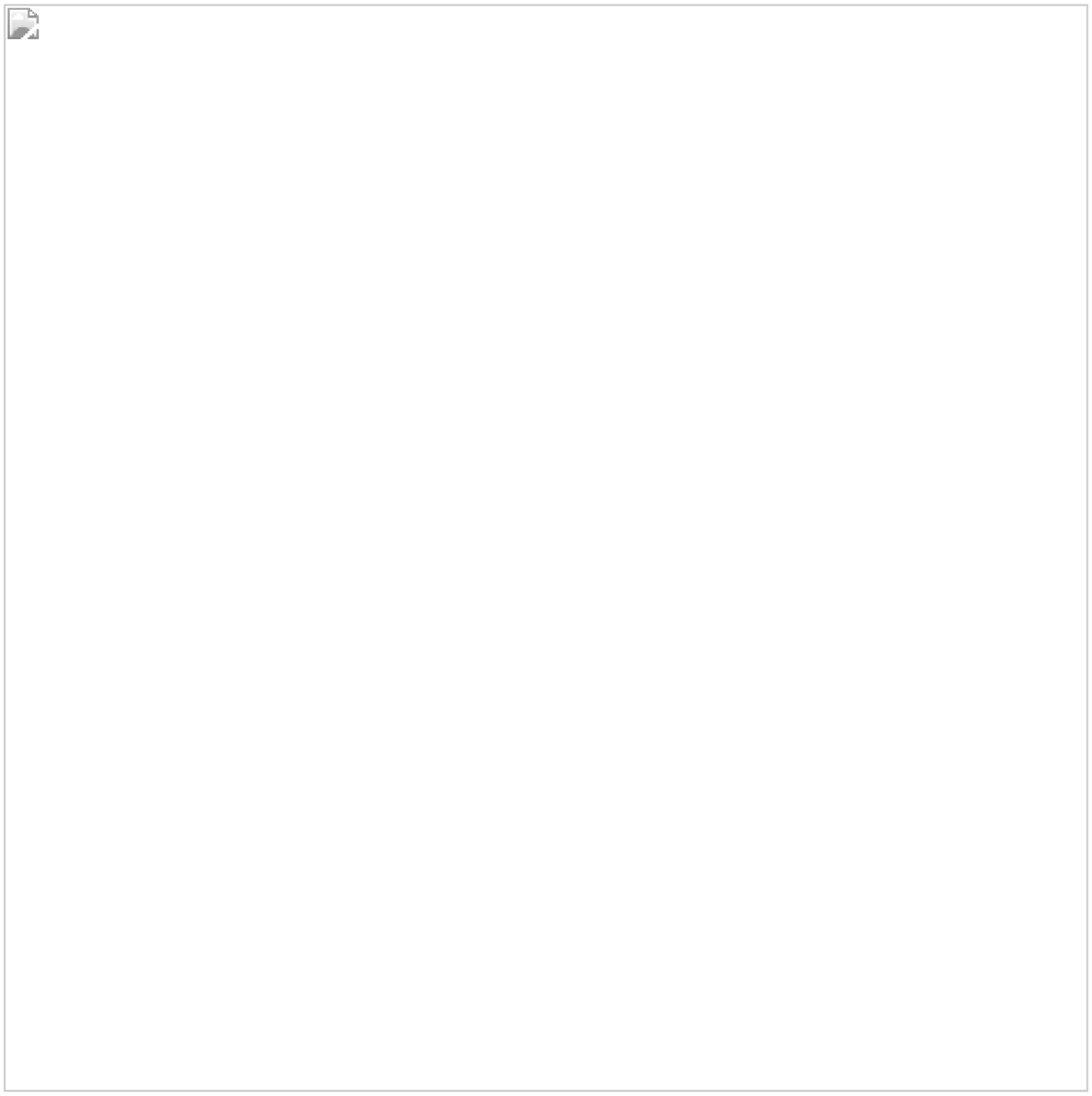


Think about it

1. What was Viola's secret?

- ○ She was a thief
- ○ She loved the Duke
- ○ She hated Illyria

A Message for Olivia



Olivia would not see anyone. But when she heard a young man would not go away, she let Cesario in, with her veil over her face.

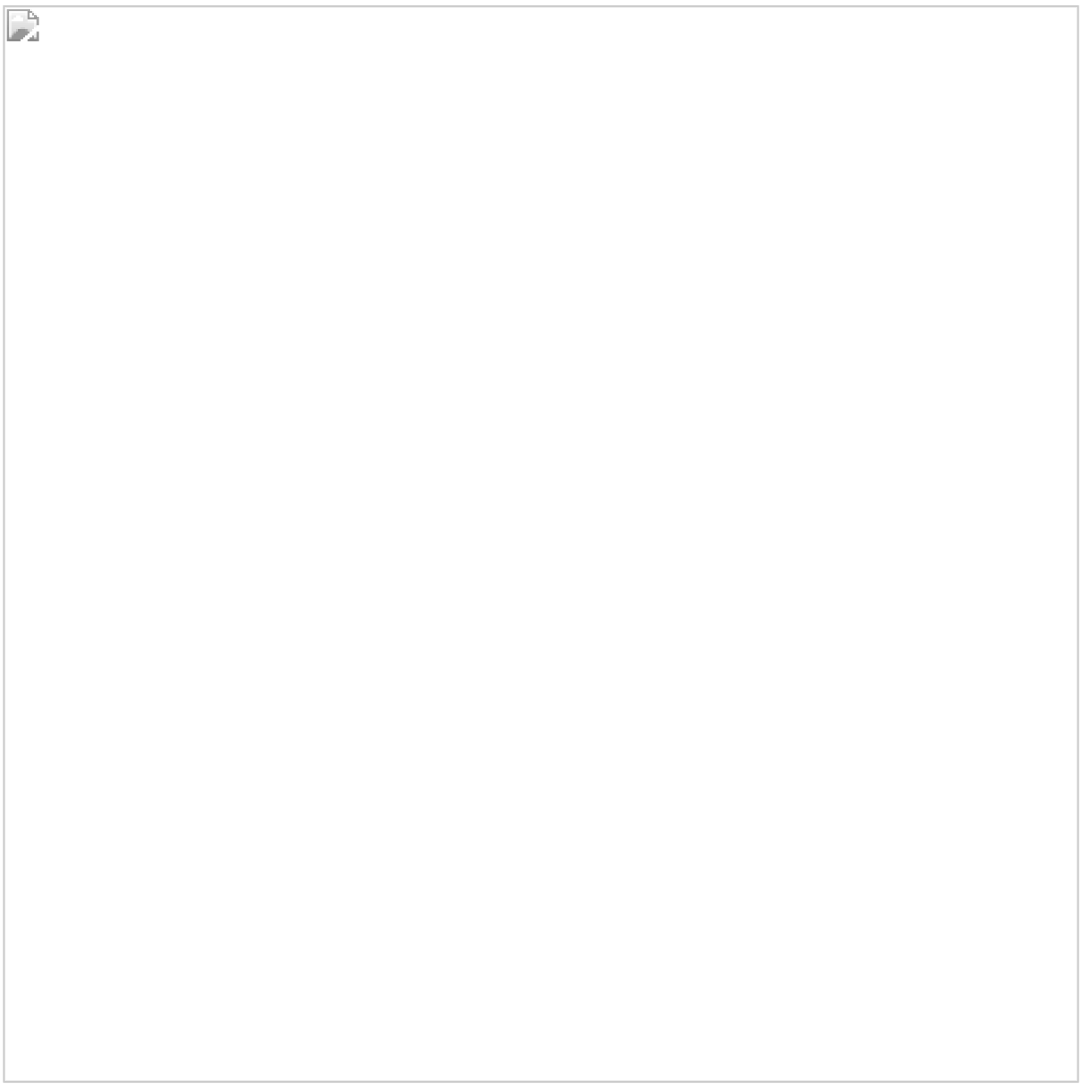
Cesario spoke for the Duke. If I loved you as he does, said Cesario, I would "Make me a willow cabin at your gate."

Olivia said she could not love the Duke. But when Cesario left, she thought, "Unless the master were the man." She had fallen in love with Cesario! She sent her steward, Malvolio, after him with a ring.

"O time, thou must untangle this, not I," said Viola. The Duke loved Olivia, Olivia loved Cesario, and Viola loved the Duke.

TALK ABOUT IT
Who loves whom in this tangle? Whose heart do you think is hardest to untangle?

A Message for Olivia · another picture

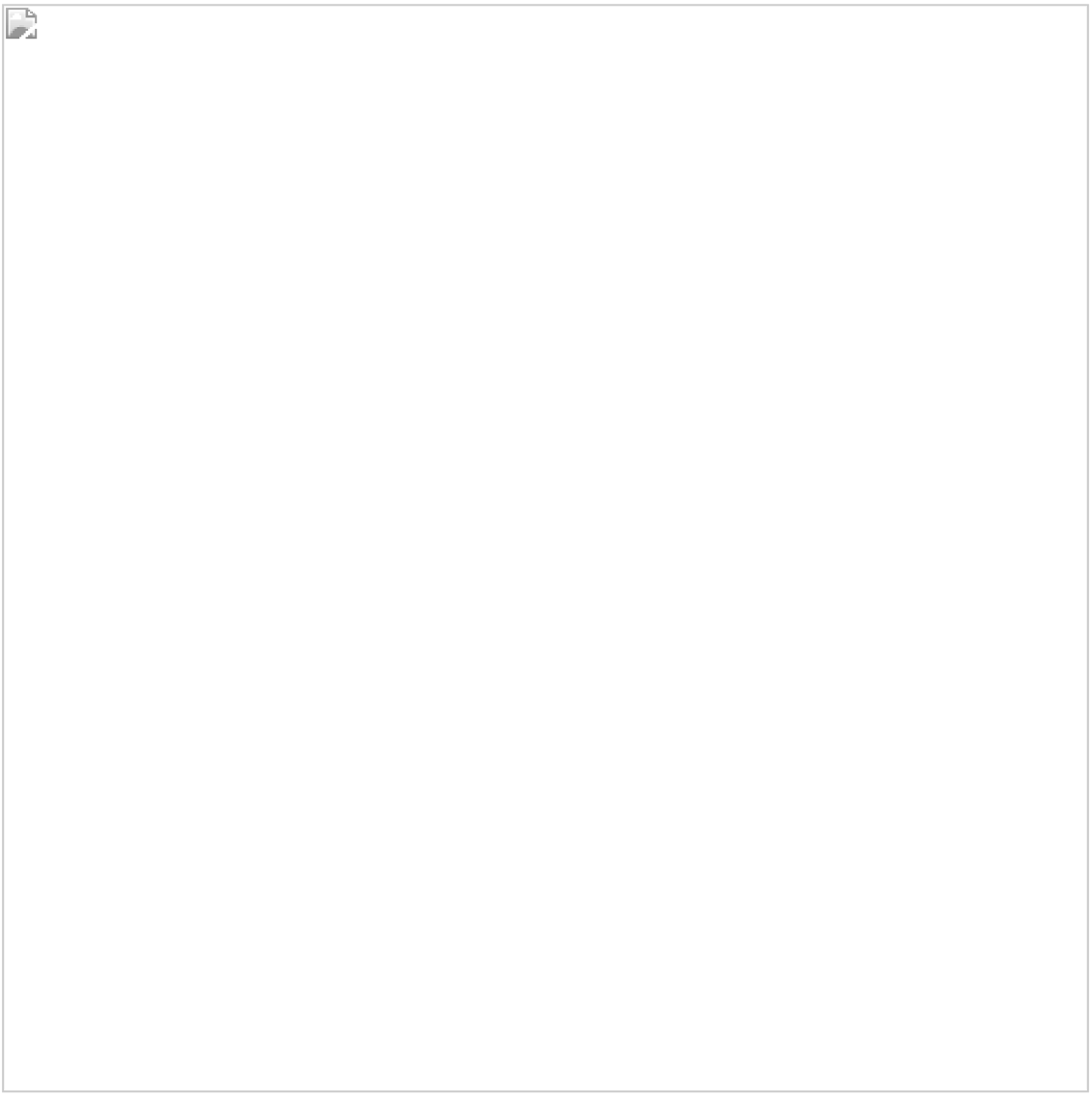


Think about it

1. Who did Olivia fall in love with?

- ○ The Duke
- ○ Cesario
- ○ Malvolio

Sebastian Is Alive



Now we find out something Viola did not know. Her brother Sebastian was alive!

A sea captain named Antonio had pulled him from the water. Sebastian thought his twin sister had drowned. He was sad and quiet, and he said he would go to Duke Orsino's court.

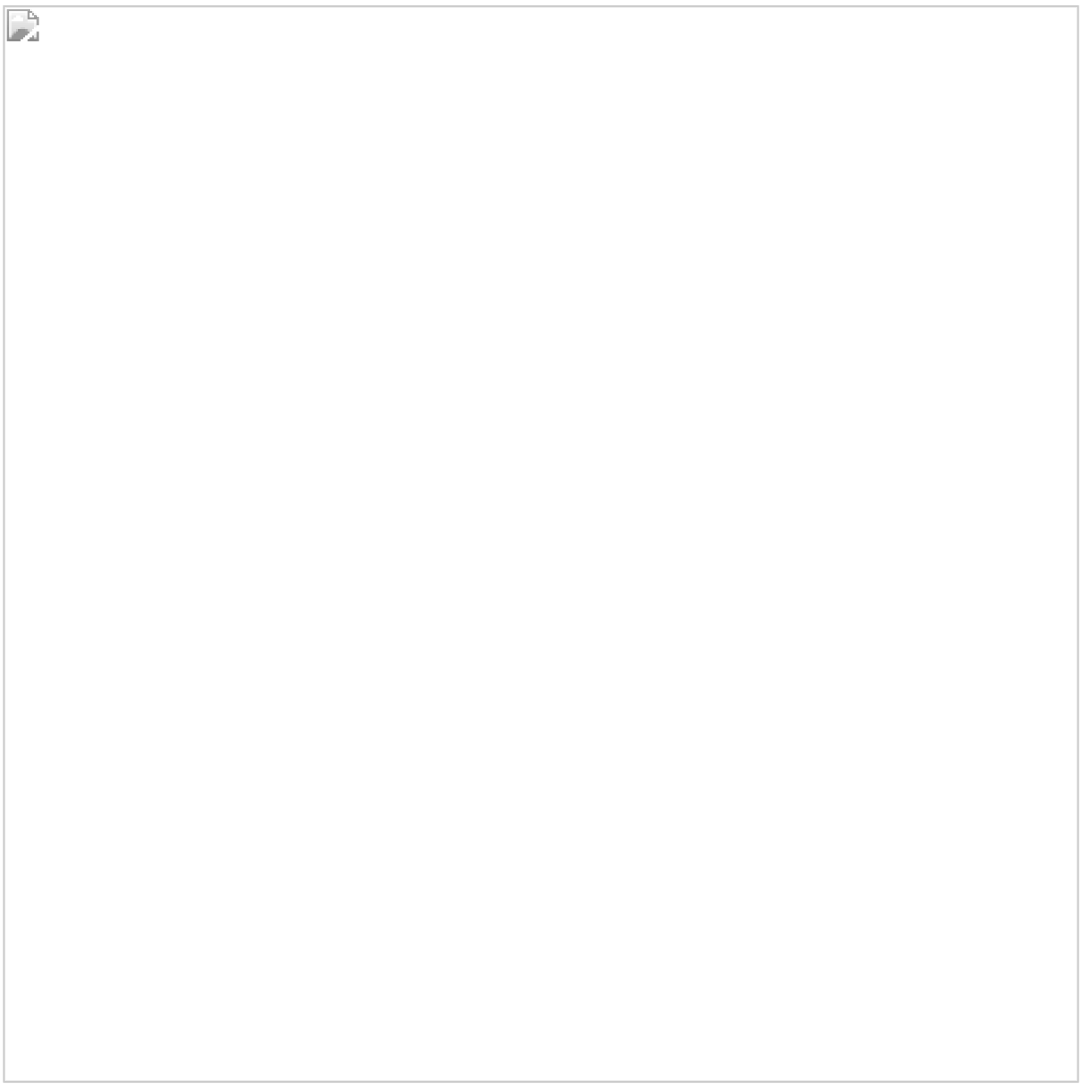
Antonio cared for Sebastian like a dear friend, and he followed him, even though it was dangerous. Long ago Antonio had fought the Duke's ships, and the Duke's men were still angry with him.

So now both twins were in Illyria. Each one thought the other was gone.

TALK ABOUT IT

Viola and Sebastian each think the other is lost. What do you think will happen when they are in the same town?

Sebastian Is Alive · another picture

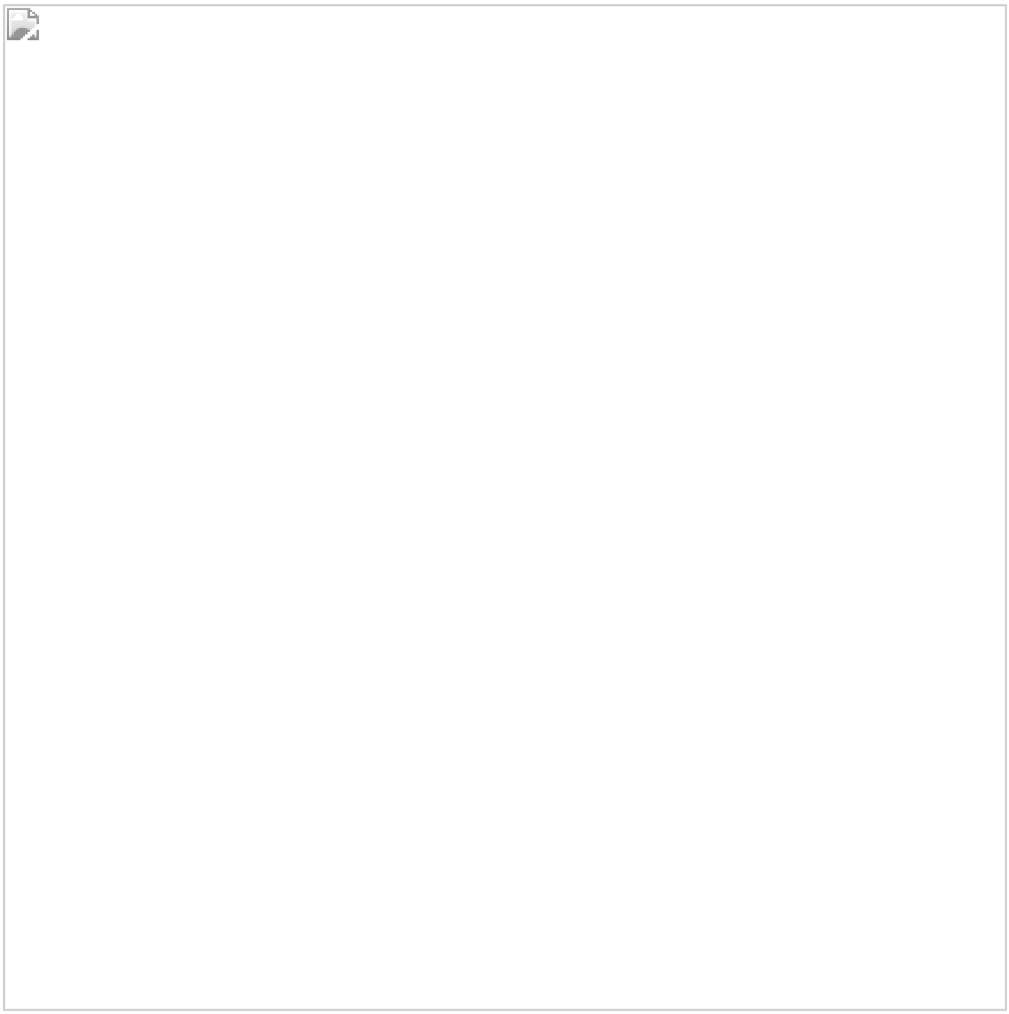


Think about it

1. Who helped Sebastian from the sea?

- ○ Antonio
- ○ Malvolio
- ○ Sir Toby

Cakes and Ale



In Olivia's house lived her uncle, Sir Toby Belch, who liked noisy parties, and his friend Sir Andrew Aguecheek, a silly knight.

One night they sat up late with Feste, Olivia's clown. Feste sang "O mistress mine, where are you roaming?" and they all sang loudly together.

Malvolio, Olivia's steward, was a serious man who thought very well of himself. "My masters, are you mad?" he said. Olivia wanted the noise to stop.

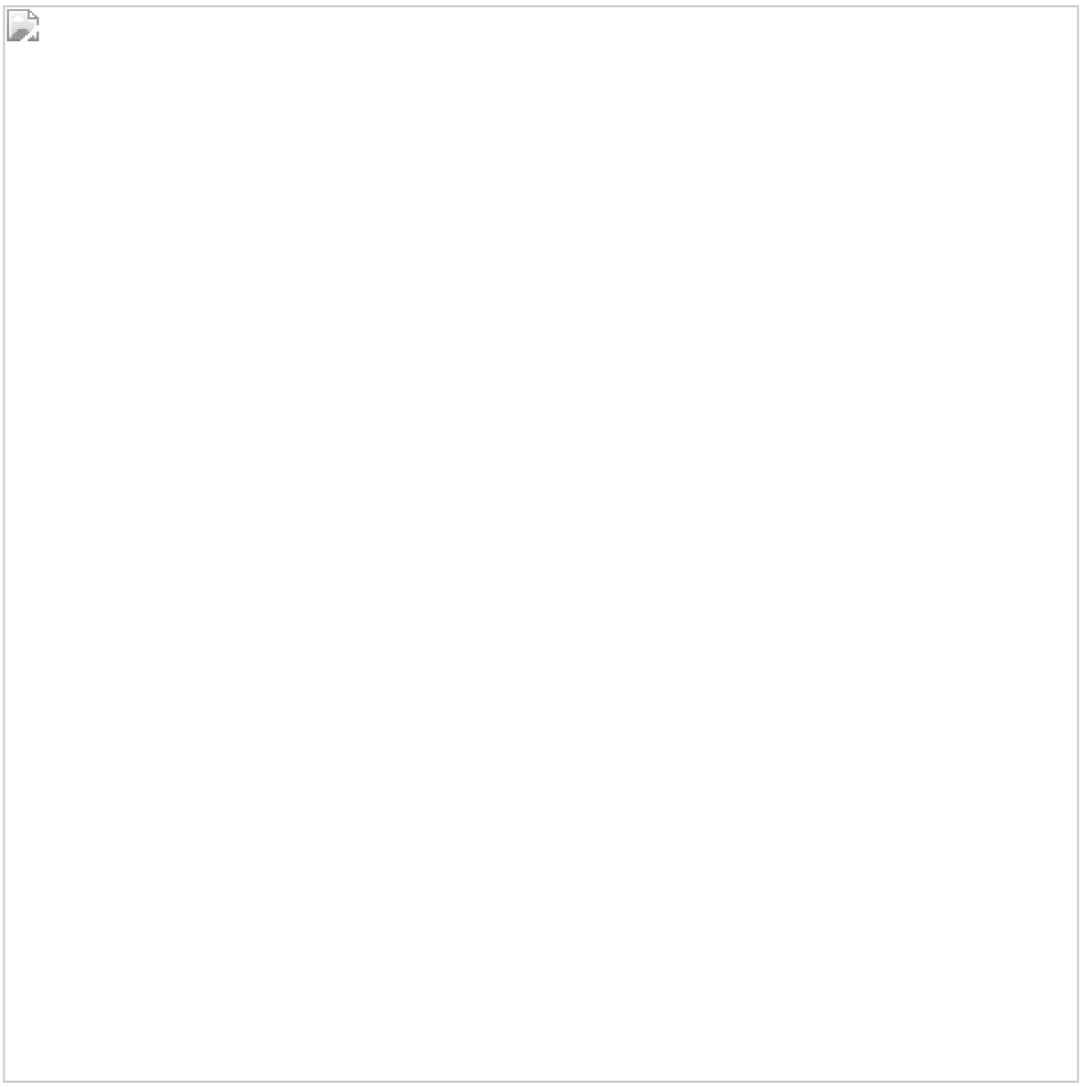
Sir Toby answered, "Dost thou think, because thou art virtuous, there shall be no more cakes and ale?"

Maria, Olivia's maid, was cross with Malvolio too, and she had a plan to pay him back.

TALK ABOUT IT

Sir Toby's party was noisy and Malvolio was bossy. Who do you think should have been kinder?

Cakes and Ale · another picture

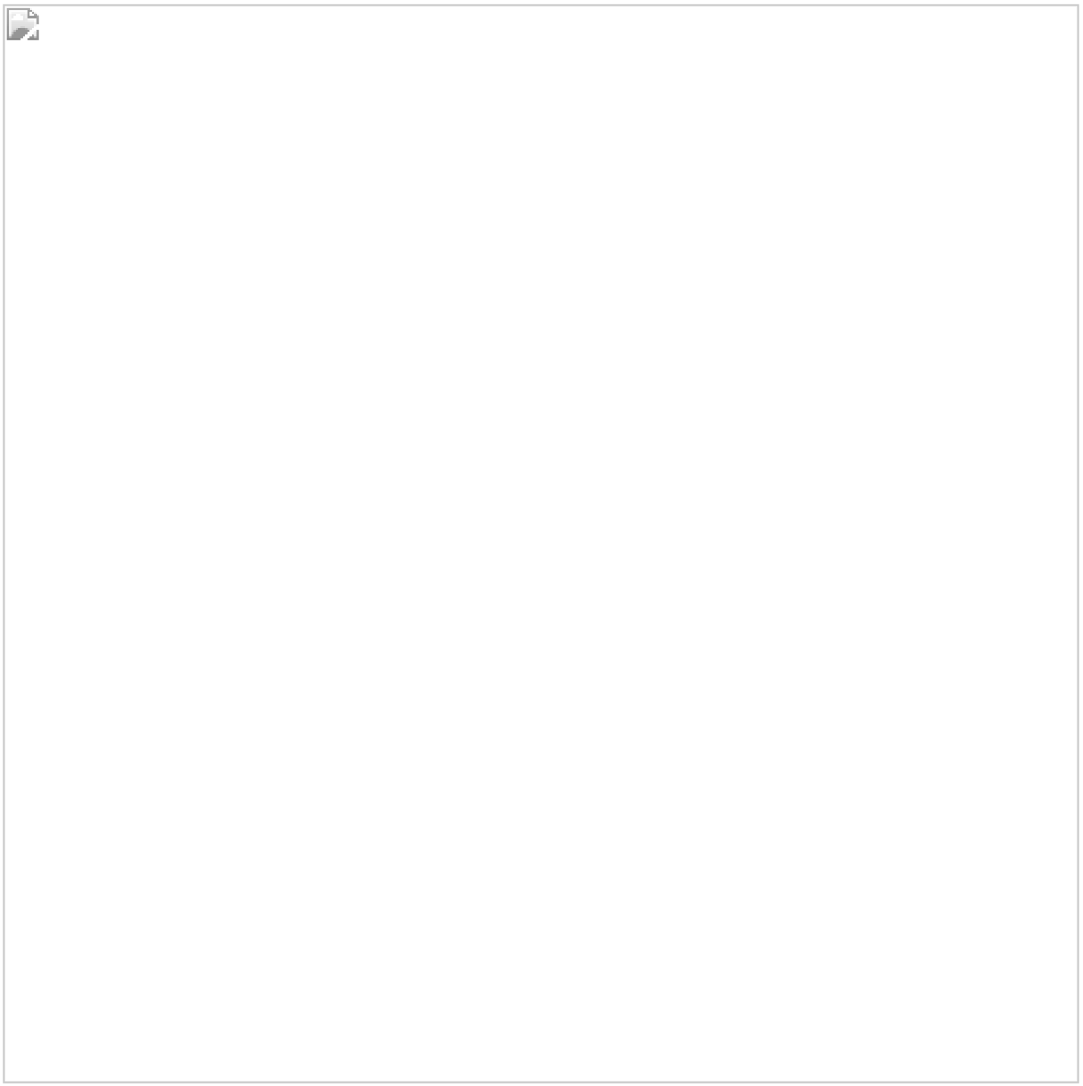


Think about it

1. Why did Malvolio come to the party?

- ○ To join the singing
- ○ To tell them to be quiet
- ○ To bring them food

The Letter



Maria wrote a letter that looked like it was from Olivia, saying the writer secretly loved Malvolio. She dropped it in the garden where he would find it.

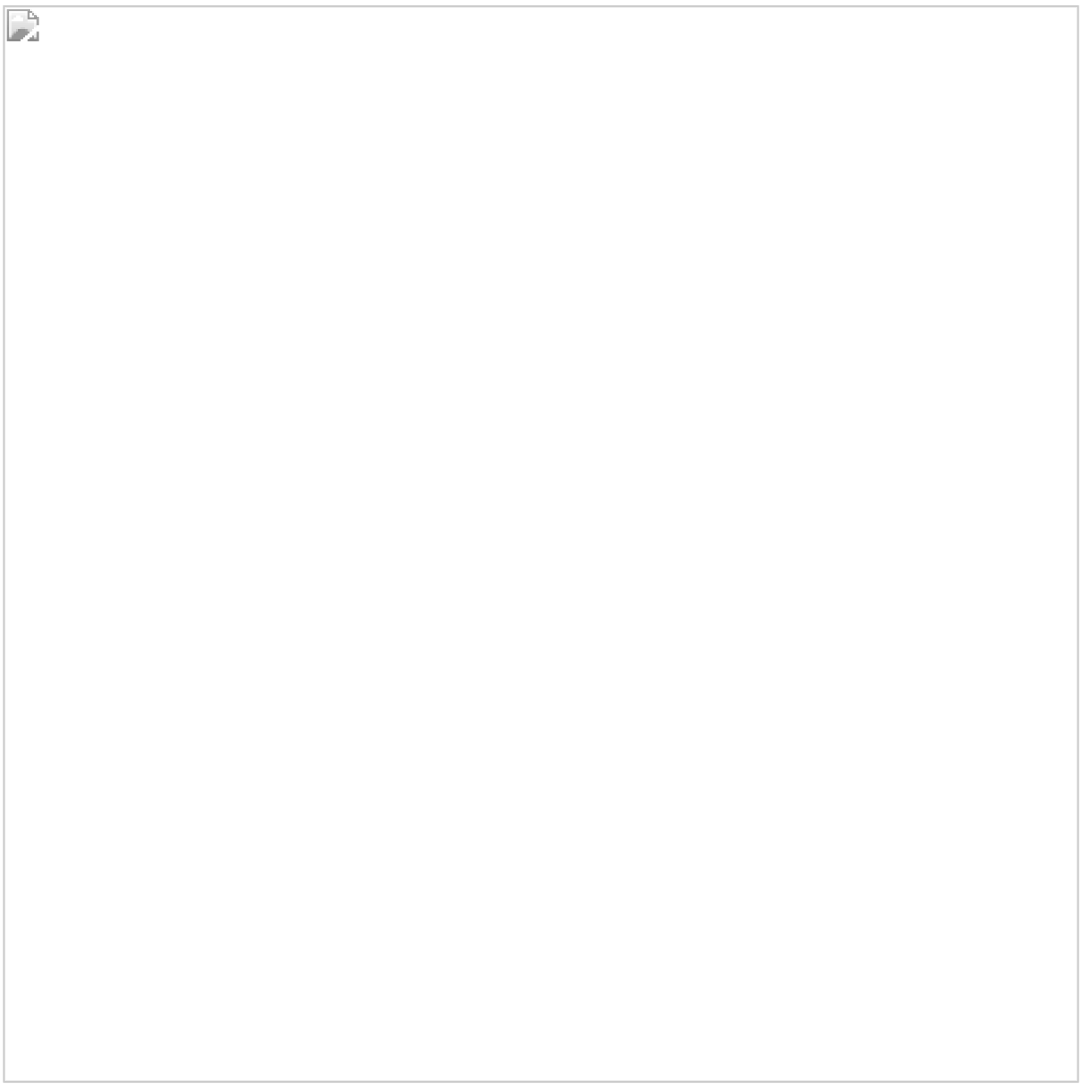
Sir Toby, Sir Andrew, and a servant named Fabian hid in a box-tree to watch. Malvolio walked by, dreaming he was a grand count, and picked up the letter.

He read: “Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon ’em.” The letter told him to smile all the time, and to wear yellow stockings with crossed garters.

Malvolio believed every word. The people in the tree could hardly keep from laughing.

TALK ABOUT IT

Malvolio found a letter and believed it was true. What could he have done to check before he believed it?

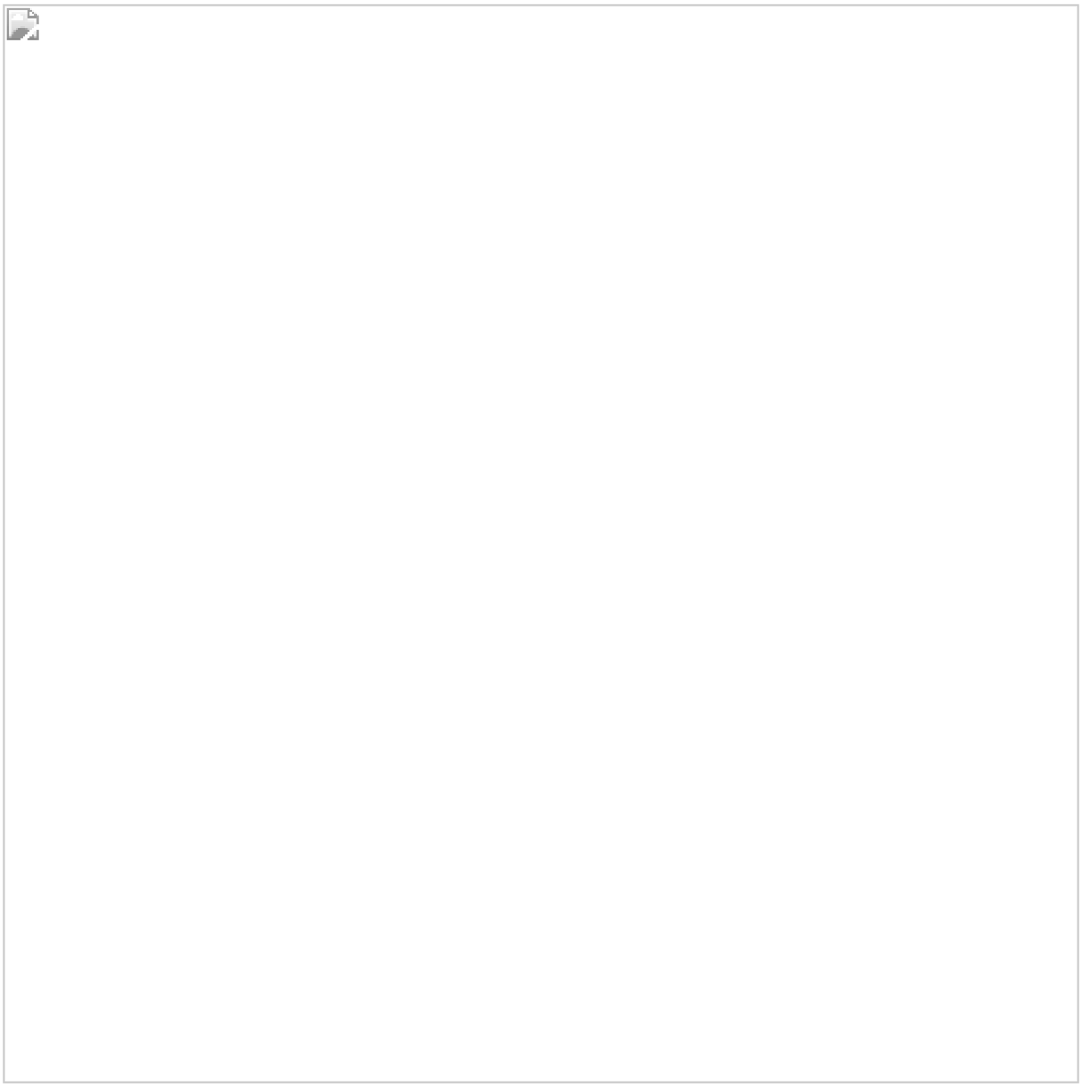


Think about it

1. Who really wrote the letter?

- ○ Olivia
- ○ Maria
- ○ Sir Andrew

Yellow Stockings



Malvolio came to Olivia in yellow stockings with crossed garters, smiling and smiling. Olivia did not like those stockings at all.

He kept saying words from the letter, and she thought he must be ill. “Let this fellow be looked to,” she said.

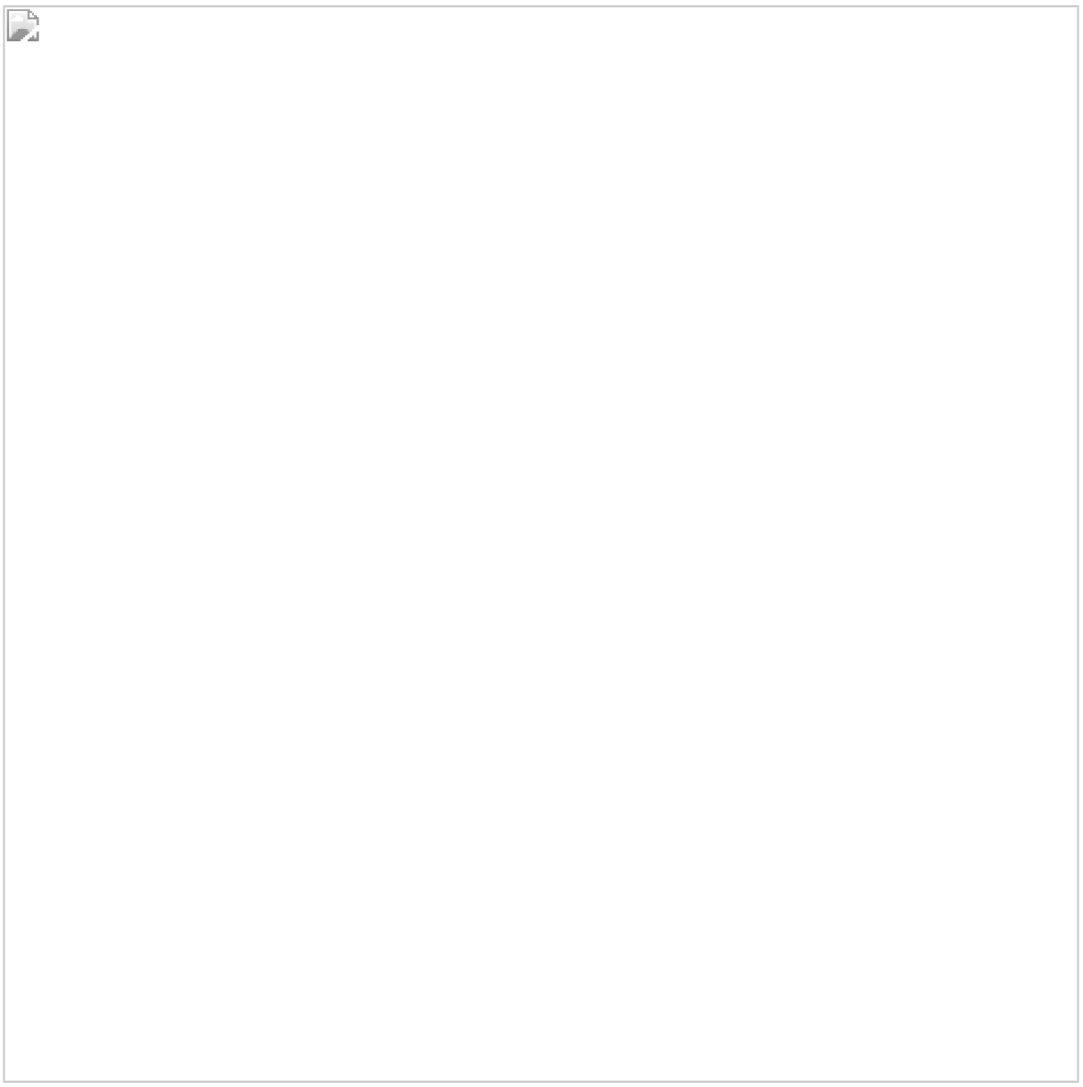
But Maria, Sir Toby and Fabian told everyone Malvolio had lost his mind. Then Sir Toby said, “Come, we’ll have him in a dark room”. And Fabian said, “Why, we shall make him mad indeed.”

This is the unkind part of the story. They did not want to help Malvolio. They wanted to keep the joke going.

TALK ABOUT IT

Maria and Sir Toby started a joke and then could not stop it. When does a joke stop being funny?

Yellow Stockings · another picture

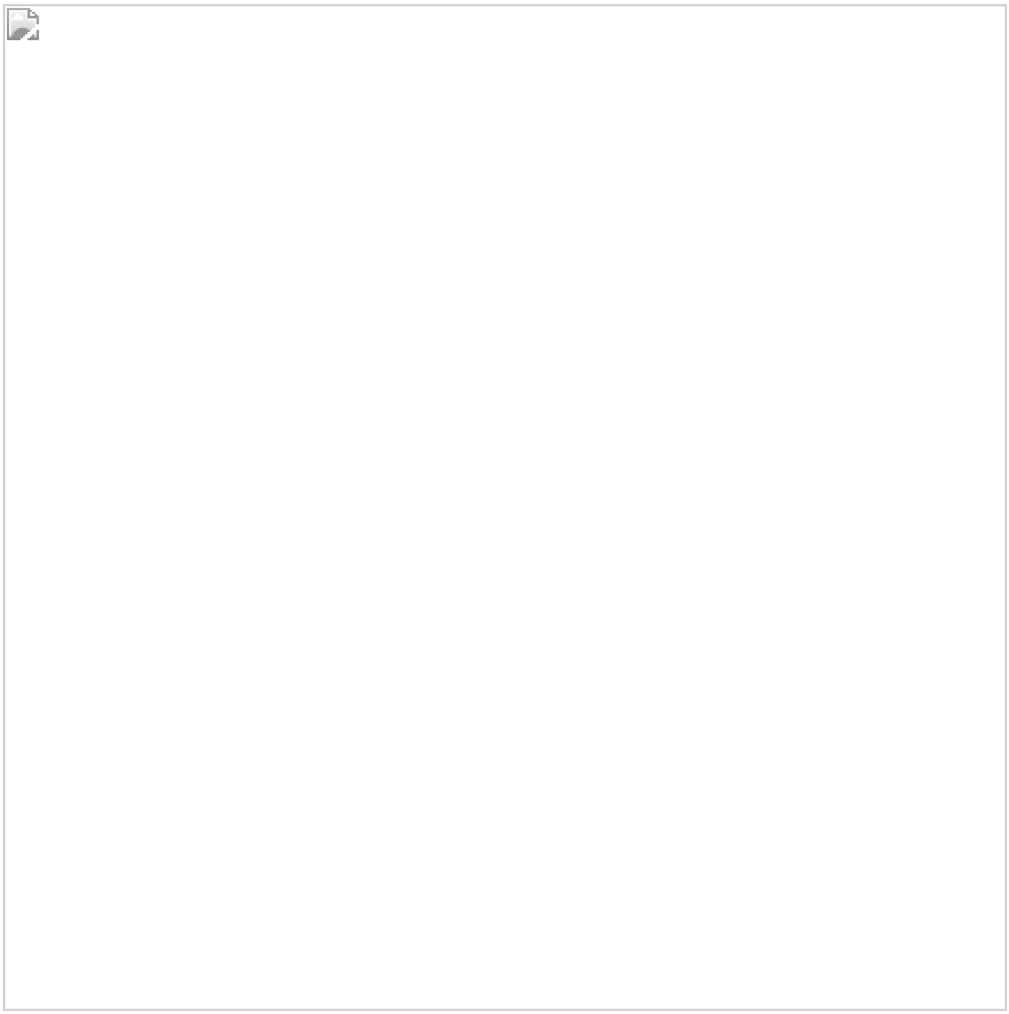


Think about it

1. What did the letter tell Malvolio to wear?

- ○ A red hat
- ○ Yellow stockings with crossed garters
- ○ A golden crown

A Duel Nobody Wanted



Jealous Sir Andrew challenged Cesario to a fight, because Olivia liked Cesario. Sir Toby told each one that the other was a fierce fighter.

Both were frightened. “I am no fighter,” said Cesario. But Sir Toby pushed them toward each other with their swords out.

Then Antonio ran up. He thought Cesario was his friend Sebastian! But the Duke’s officers arrested him.

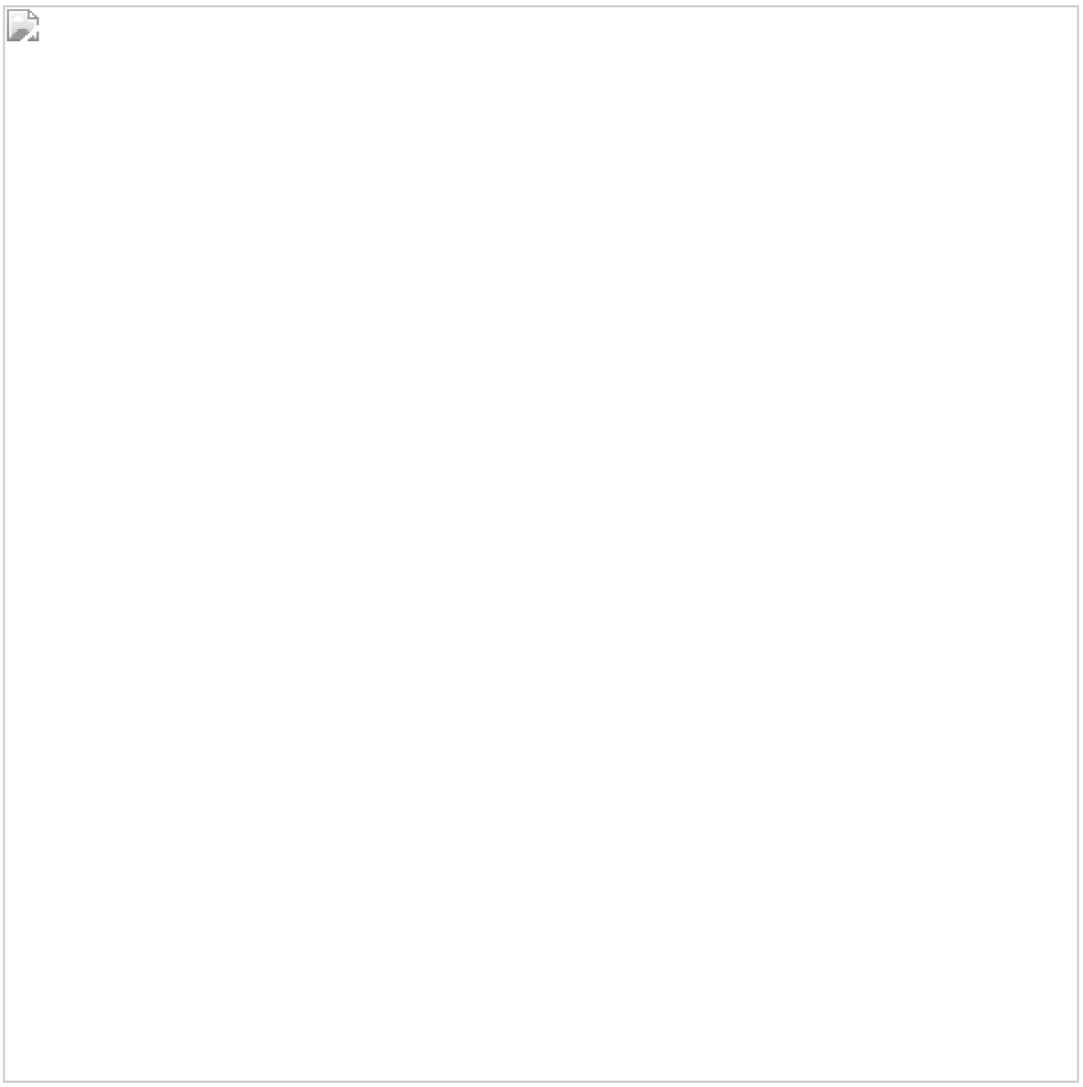
Antonio asked Cesario for his purse back, but Viola did not know him, and he called out the name Sebastian.

Viola heard it. “Prove true, imagination, O prove true, That I, dear brother, be now ta’en for you!” Could her brother be alive?

TALK ABOUT IT

Antonio thought Cesario was Sebastian. What would you feel, or want to ask, if someone mistook you for someone else?

A Duel Nobody Wanted · another picture

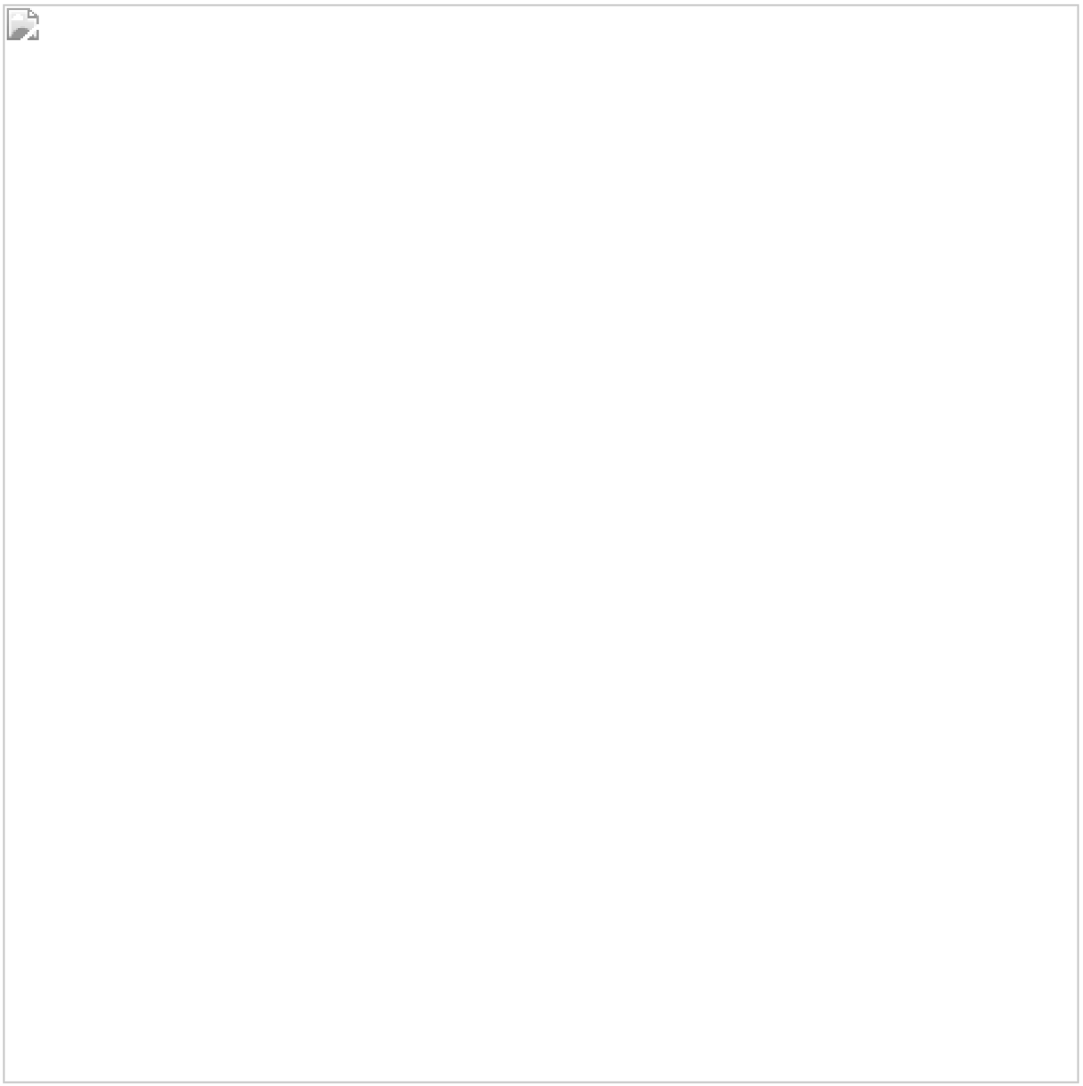


Think about it

1. Who did Antonio think Cesario was?

- ○ Sir Toby
- ○ Sebastian
- ○ Fabian

The Dark Room



Meanwhile, Malvolio had been shut in a dark room. Feste dressed up as a priest called Sir Topas and visited him.

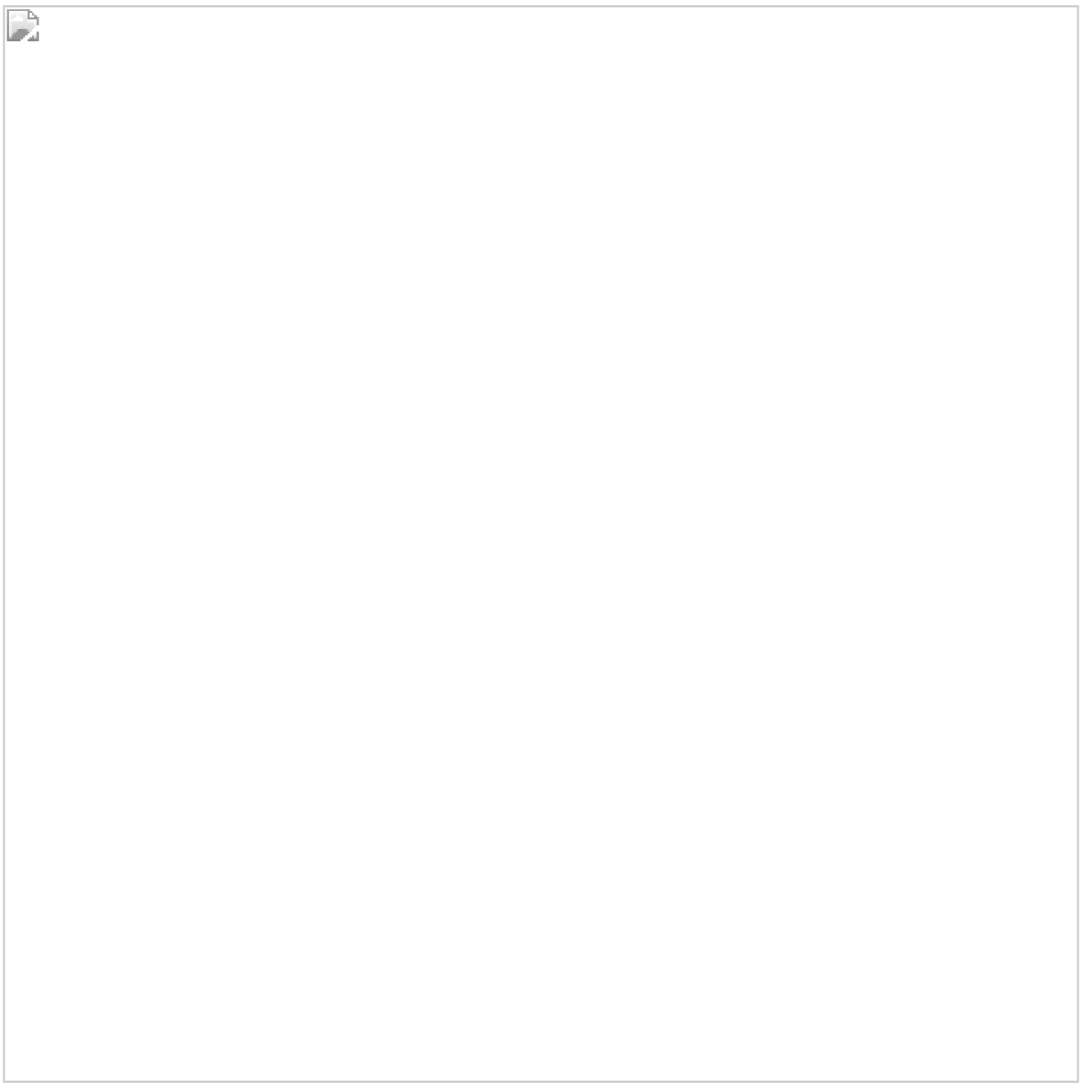
“They have laid me here in hideous darkness,” cried Malvolio. “I am not mad, Sir Topas.”

Feste only teased him. “I am no more mad than you are,” said Malvolio, and he begged for a candle and paper to write to Olivia. Feste said he would fetch them.

Even Sir Toby, with Olivia growing angry, began to think the joke had gone too far. “I would we were well rid of this knavery,” he said. But nobody let Malvolio out.

TALK ABOUT IT

Malvolio kept saying he was not mad, and nobody listened. What would you want people to do if you were in his place?



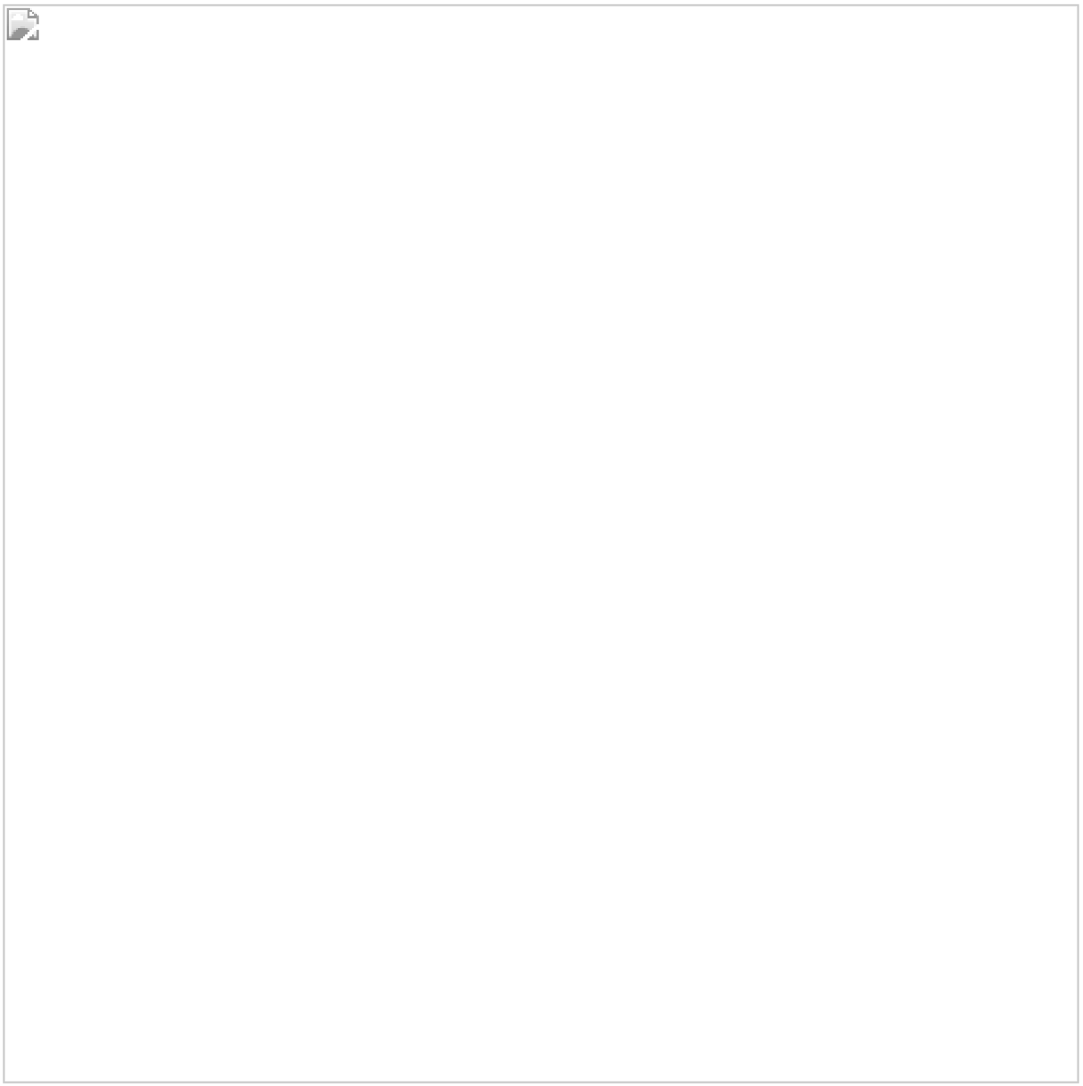
Think about it

1. Who dressed up as Sir Topas?

- ○ Sir Andrew
- ○ Feste
- ○ Fabian

2. Was the joke on Malvolio fair? Why or why not?

A Dream or Not?



In the street, Feste met Sebastian and thought he was Cesario. “Nothing that is so, is so,” said Feste, in his silly way.

Then Sir Andrew hit Sebastian, thinking he was Cesario. But this was not Cesario! Sebastian hit him right back. “Are all the people mad?” he said.

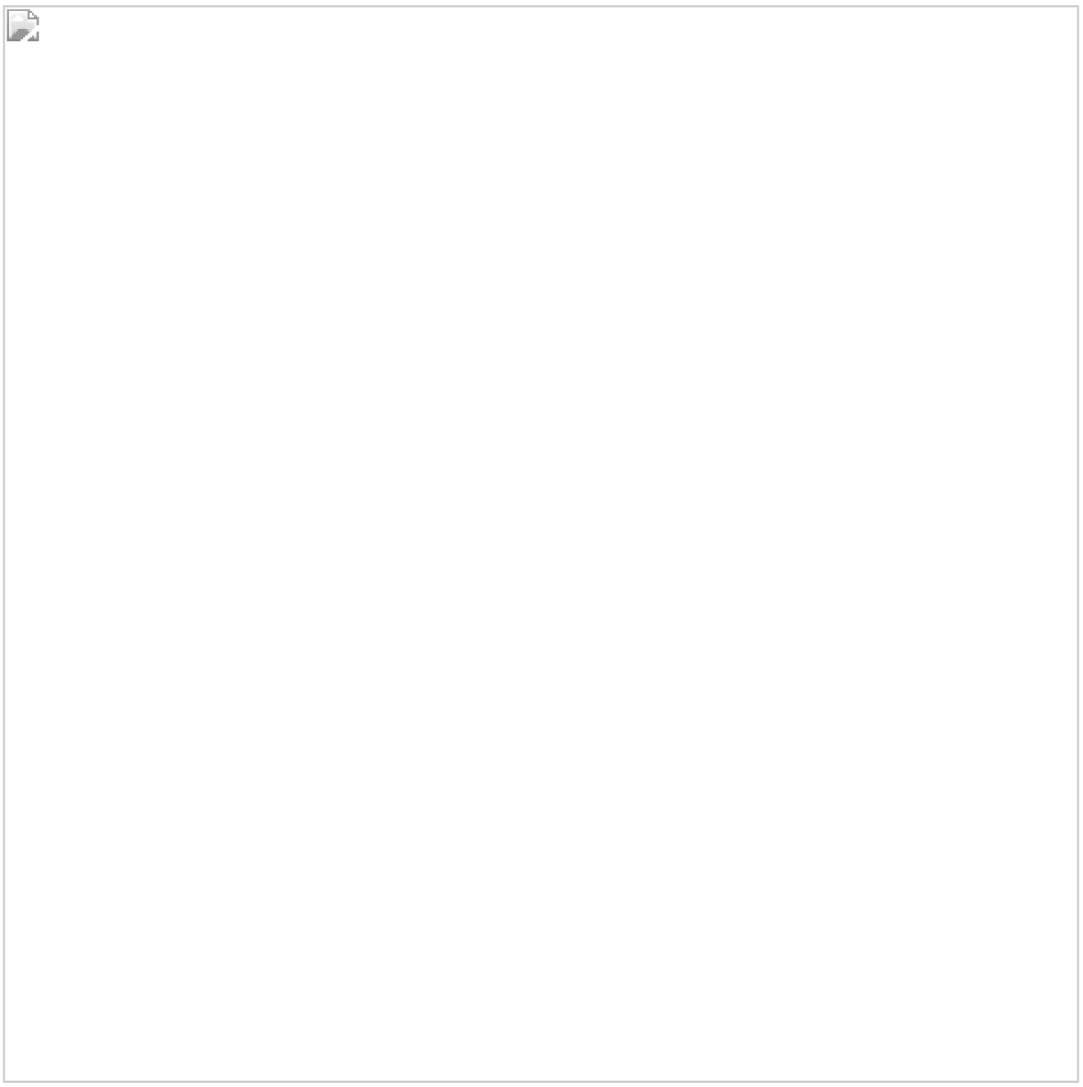
Olivia came and stopped the fight. She sent her uncle away, and was very kind to Sebastian, because she thought he was Cesario.

Sebastian did not understand. “Or I am mad, or else this is a dream,” he said. But he liked her. He went with her to a little chapel, and they made promises to each other before a priest.

TALK ABOUT IT

Sebastian was confused, but he said yes anyway. What would you want to know before you said yes?

A Dream or Not? · another picture

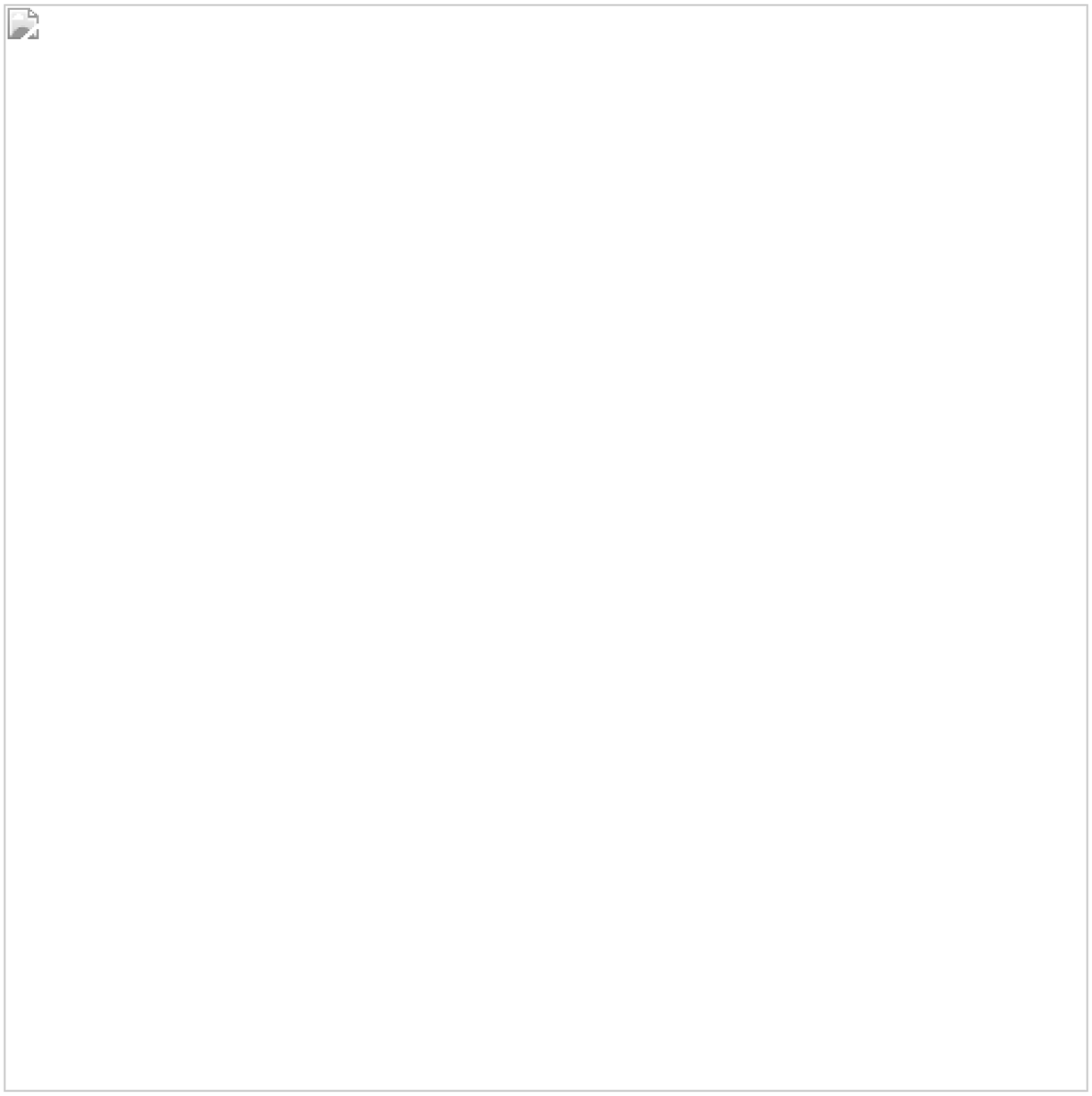


Think about it

1. Why was Olivia kind to Sebastian?

- ○ She thought he was Cesario
- ○ He gave her a gift
- ○ He was the Duke

Two of Them!



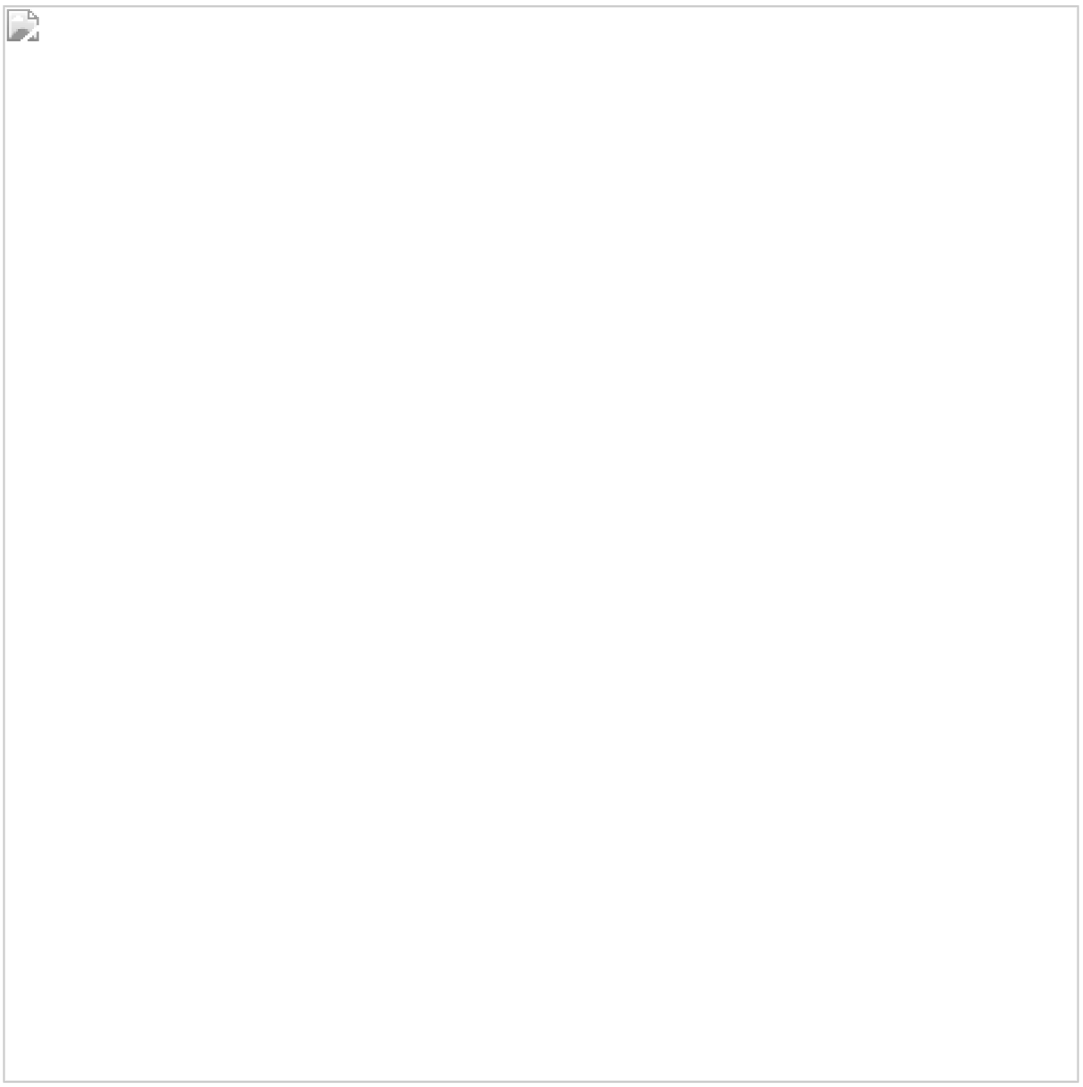
Duke Orsino came to Olivia's house with Cesario. Olivia told Cesario, "Cesario, husband, stay." The Duke was shocked, and Viola was shocked too. She knew nothing about it.

The priest said they had promised to marry. The Duke was so hurt and angry that he said harsh things to Cesario, and told him to go away.

Then Sir Andrew and Sir Toby came in with cuts on their heads. They said Cesario had hurt them. And then Sebastian walked in.

"One face, one voice, one habit, and two persons!" cried the Duke. Antonio looked from one to the other. "Which is Sebastian?" he asked.

TALK ABOUT IT
Everyone saw two people who looked just the same. What would you say or do?



Think about it

1. Who walked in when everyone was confused?

- ○ Sebastian
- ○ Malvolio
- ○ Maria

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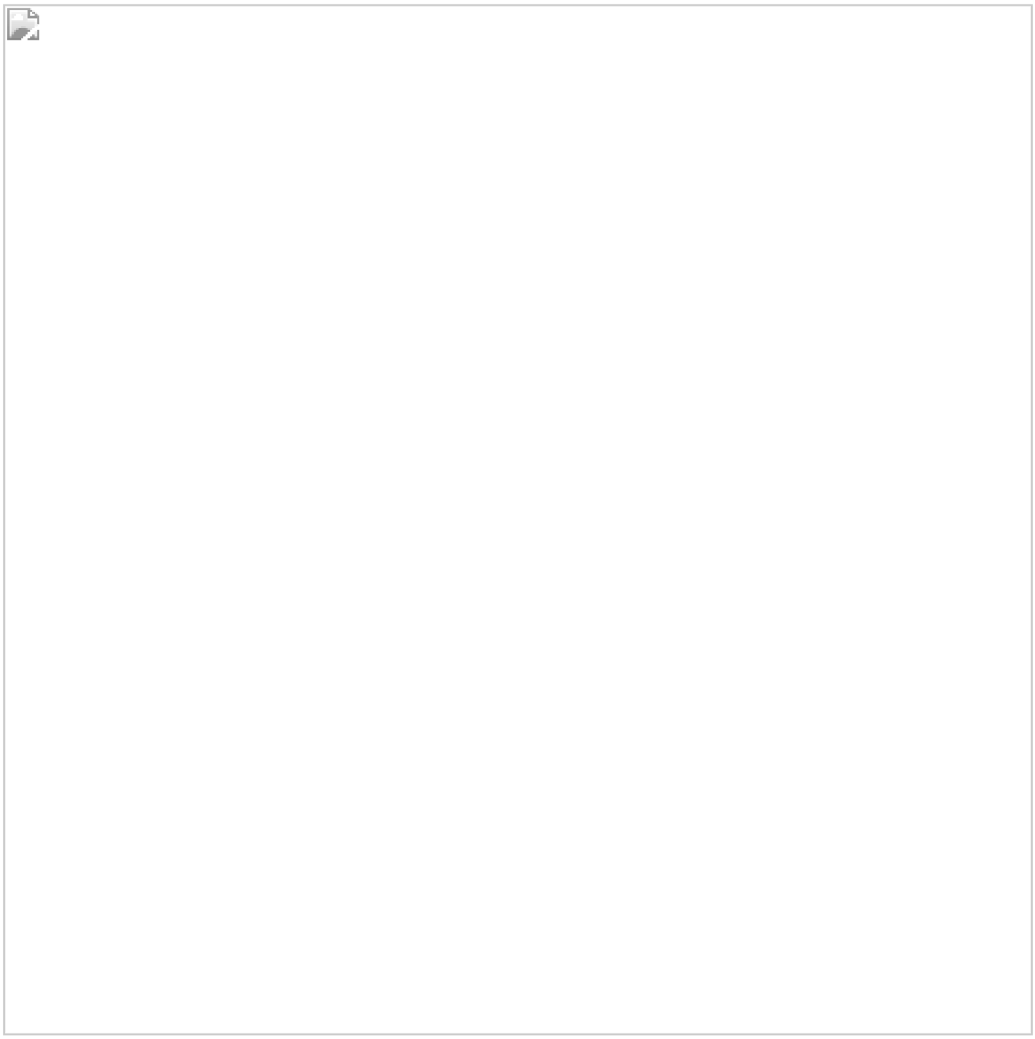

Sebastian and Viola looked at each other. Each had thought the other was gone. “My father had a mole upon his brow,” said Viola. “And so had mine,” said Sebastian.

Viola said she would show him, once she had her own clothes back. Sebastian said that if she were a woman, he would let his tears fall on her cheek and say, “Thrice welcome, drowned Viola.”

Olivia had made her promise to Sebastian, thinking he was Cesario, so Olivia and Sebastian would be married.

“Give me thy hand,” the Duke said to Viola, remembering all Cesario’s kindness. She would be “Your master’s mistress”: the Duke’s own love.

TALK ABOUT IT

The twins found each other when they had given up hope. When have you been glad to find something you thought was lost?

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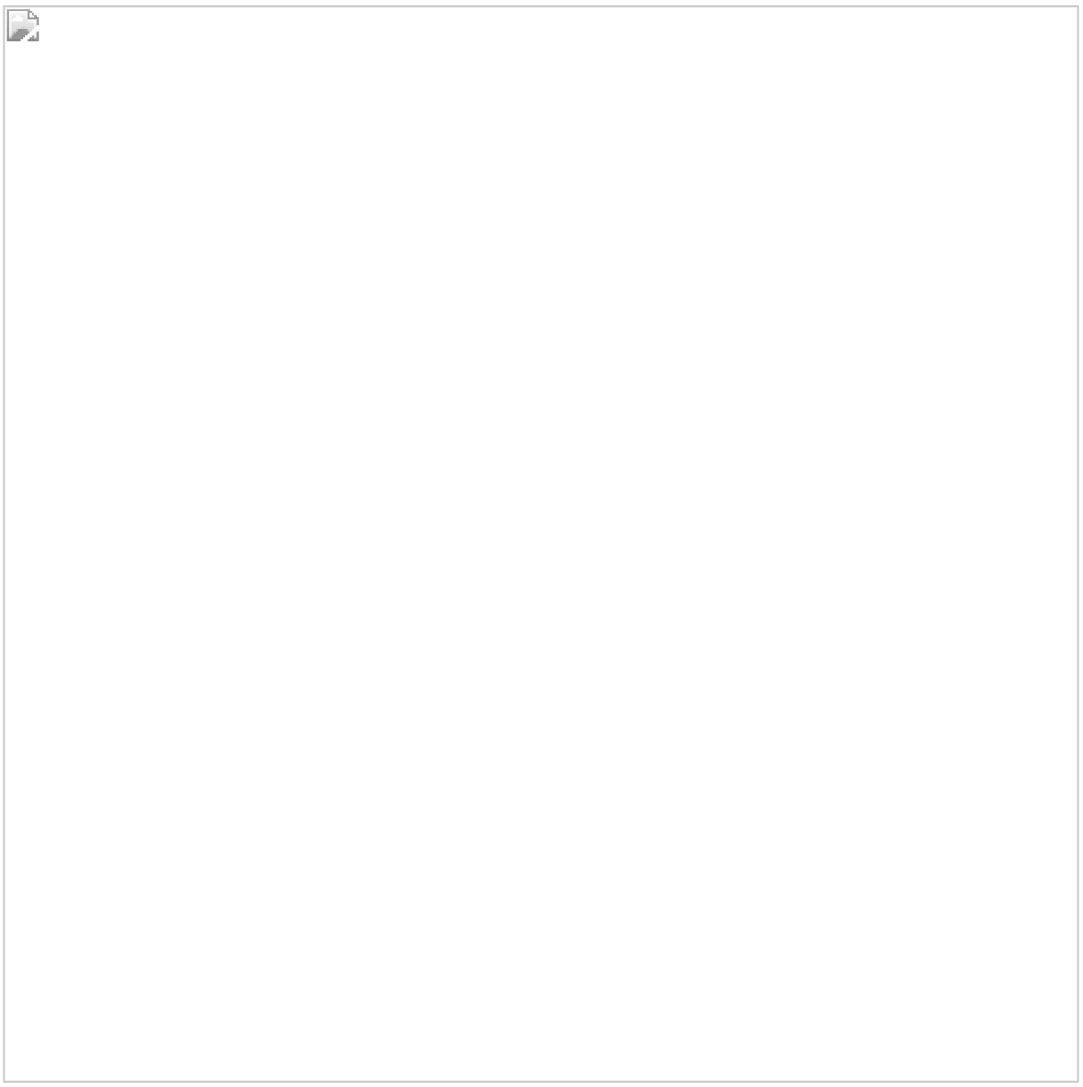


Think about it

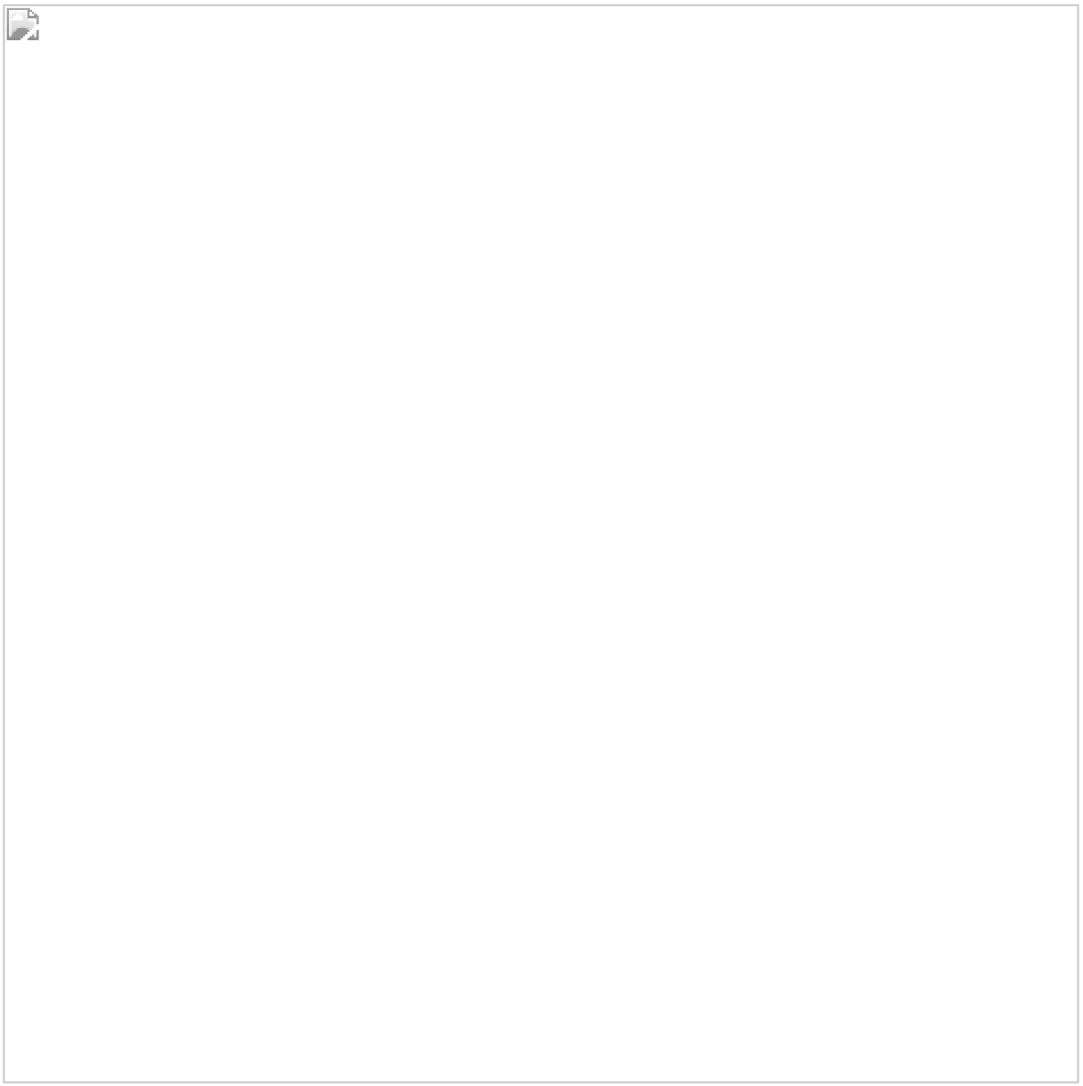
1. How did the twins know they were brother and sister?

- ○ They remembered their father's mole
- ○ They had the same hat
- ○ They sang the same song

2. Who will Viola marry?

- ○ Sir Toby
- ○ The Duke
- ○ Sir Andrew

Malvolio and the Rain



Olivia remembered Malvolio. They let him out, and he showed her the letter. “Madam, you have done me wrong, Notorious wrong,” he said.

Olivia said it was Maria’s writing, not hers. Fabian confessed: “myself and Toby set this device against Malvolio here.”

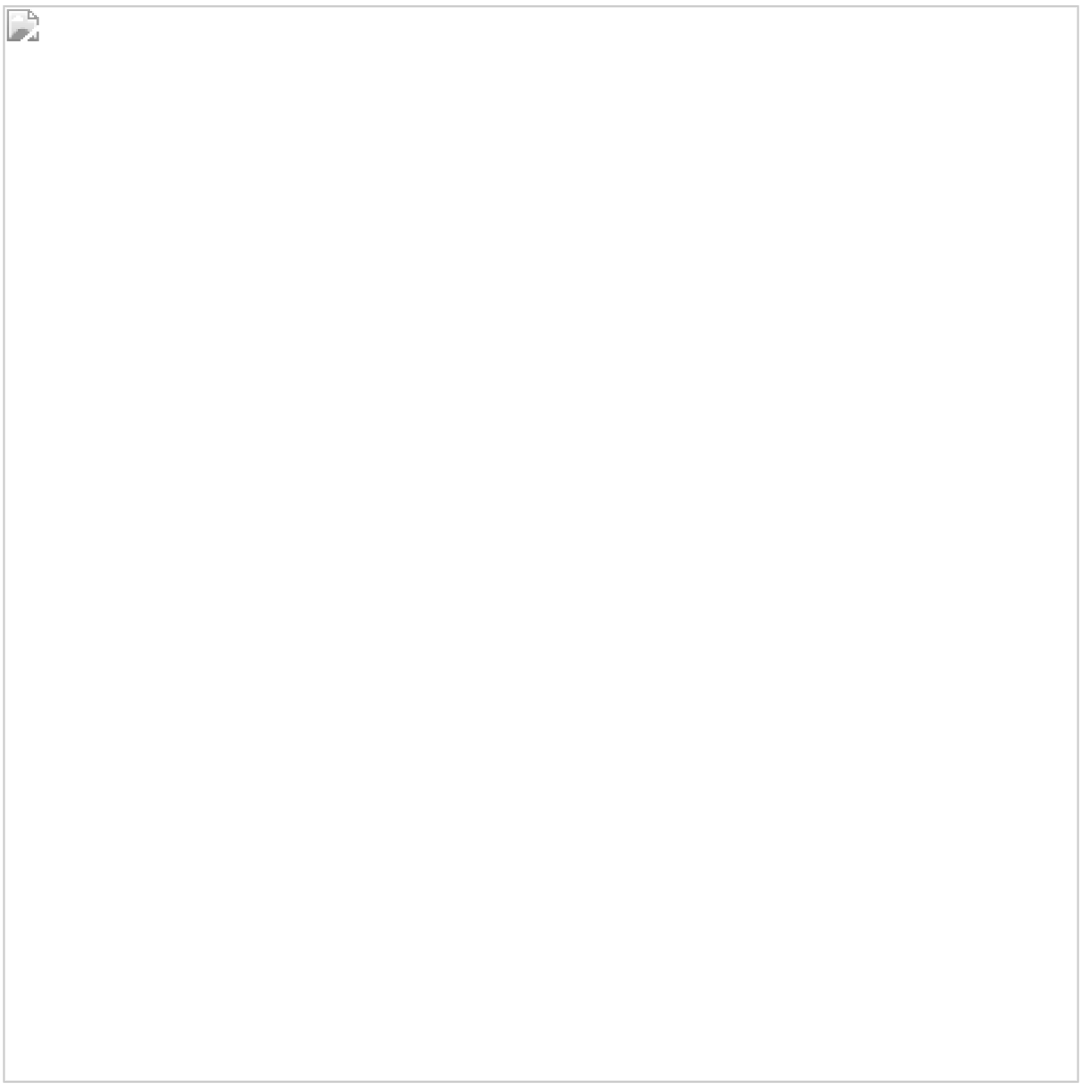
But Malvolio was too hurt. “I’ll be revenged on the whole pack of you,” he said, and walked out. “He hath been most notoriously abus’d,” said Olivia. “Pursue him, and entreat him to a peace,” said the Duke.

At the very end, Feste sang alone about the wind and the rain: “For the rain it raineth every day.”

TALK ABOUT IT

Malvolio was treated badly, and he left angry. What might help someone feel better after being treated unfairly?

Malvolio and the Rain · another picture



Think about it

1. What did Malvolio say before he left?

- ○ He was sorry
- ○ He would be revenged
- ○ He would stay

“There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

— Yeshua HaMashiach

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