

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

10 Events

1. Leonato, Governor of Messina, and his courtiers, await the return of Claudio, one of their young lords. He is returning from war a hero under the patronage of Don Pedro.
2. Beatrice and Benedick spar verbally, revealing their love/hate relationship. Claudio reveals that he loves Leonato's daughter, Hero.
3. Don Pedro's brother, Don John, and his two cohorts (Borachio and Conrade) conspire to cause mischief and come between Claudio and Hero.
4. Don Pedro decides to get Benedick and Beatrice together whilst Don John determines to sabotage the wedding plans of Claudio and Hero.
5. The two couples are set up. Benedick and Beatrice fall for each other and Claudio and Hero's relationship is destroyed. Luckily, there are witnesses to the subterfuge.
6. Claudio refuses to marry Hero believing her to be unchaste. The Friar advises her to feign death.
7. Beatrice and Benedick confess their love for one another. Benedick says that he will kill Claudio to restore her cousin Hero's honour and prove his love for Beatrice.
8. Don John flees and Benedick challenges Claudio to a duel.
9. Don John's two men (Borachio and Conrade) are brought before Don Pedro and they confess to their deceit. Claudio and Don Pedro agree to rectify their error, and Claudio agrees to marry Hero's cousin.
10. Claudio unwittingly marries Hero and Benedick and Beatrice marry.