

whereby he has to marry her. This is why Angelo has no option but to agree to the marriage when the Duke proposes it towards the end of the play. She is genuinely distressed when the Duke suggests that Angelo should face the death sentence for ordering Claudio's execution. She begs Isabella to intervene with the Duke and spare Angelo's life.

FRANCISCA

A nun, and Isabella's superior, who is horrified by the Duke's offer of marriage to Isabella.

PROVOST

A judicial gentleman.

FRIAR THOMAS

Aware of the Duke's true identity and happy to play his game.

MISTRESS OVERDONE

The keeper of a brothel and an ex-prostitute.

