

Here is an example of work by Molly McGrory writing as Desdemona after her husband, Othello, has hit her and called her very bad names.... Mrs Baker likes the way Molly shows a detailed understanding of the play and articulates her thoughts in a mature and detailed way. Well done Molly.

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Desdemona's Diary Entry

Dear Diary,

The past couple of days have been really weird. Othello and I were having the most amazing time here in Cyprus and now it's all completely changed. I feel as though he no longer loves me but how can that be, I don't know what I could have done to make him turn against me and be horrible towards me. Earlier today, he hit me round the face, I was speechless I never thought he would lift his hand to me but obviously I was wrong! He has proven my father right to be an angry, abusive older man. Not only has he hit me but he has said the most unimaginable things to me that I can't even bring myself to say, it brings me to tears every time I think about it. I'm just so confused as to why one day we can be the happiest couple alive and then the next he is striking me with his hand and his voice. I'm a bit scared to be with him alone anymore, what if he does something to me, what if he hits me again but this time worse! What if he forces himself onto me? No, what am I thinking? he wouldn't do that, he's Othello, virtuous, caring, loving Othello. He would never do anything like that to me, would he?

I have spoken to my good friends Iago and Emilia and they think that Othello is acting this way because my father has ordered him back to Venice, and we know how bad a relationship Othello and my father have, but I just don't see how this could make him do such hurtful things towards me. Even if it was about leaving for Venice, I just wish that he would talk to me and explain why, like he used to do, but he doesn't do that anymore. If only I knew for sure why he was taking these actions

then I could fix it or maybe explain to him but he's just keeping me in the dark!

I have just got to keep thinking on the bright side of the situation and remember how good we were together as a couple and just pray that soon everything will go back to how it was before, how he used to love me and not call me things that no one should ever be called by their husband. I am still so happy that I chose to marry Othello instead of Roderigo because I felt more of a connection to Othello but maybe I did make the wrong decision. I don't think Roderigo would treat me like this I think he would have loved me till the day I died and cared for me. But maybe not. Maybe all men are ignorant, angry, abusive people who just take women's feelings for granted. I don't know if should tell my father about this horrible thing that has happened to me because he will probably kill Othello himself. He will also be disappointed in me for leaving with Othello and ruining my relationship with him all for a man who doesn't even love me anymore.

I don't know what I'm going to do next and what I'm going to say to Othello when I next see him, everything is just mixed inside my head and I don't know what is going on. I think the best thing to do is to go to sleep tonight and wake up tomorrow ready to get my relationship back with Othello. I miss him, I miss being able to cuddle up next to his warm body at night knowing that he is protecting me and that there is nothing in the world that could break us apart. We can only hope for the best and I need to make things better with Othello before I start asking him to reinstate Cassio, because that is definitely the last thing on his mind right now. But I promised Cassio I'd at least talk to him and that's exactly what I'm going to do because we are still friends and friends don't break promises!

I better start getting ready for bed, I don't know if Othello is going to come back tonight but if he does I want to be asleep because I just don't know what I would say to him and how I would react let alone how he could react.