Desdemona, a beautiful and compassionate Senators’ daughter. Undeterred by prejudices, they marry, however their love is put to the test when Othello’s trusted advisor, lago, stokes the flames of jealousy, and ruthlessly pushes the couple — and the world around them — to a tragic end. The story includes military maneuvering, political rivals, the spreading of malicious and racially-charged lies and backstabbing treachery. Sound familiar?

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