

#### 47 — THE MERCHANT OF VENICE

Shylock, the Jew, lived at Venice: he was an usurer, who had amassed an immense fortune by lending money at great interest to Christian merchants. Shylock, being a hard-hearted man, exacted the payment of the money he lent with such severity that he was much disliked by all good men, and particularly by Antonio, a young merchant of Venice; and Shylock as much hated Antonio, because he used to lend money to people in distress, and would never take any interest for the money he lent; therefore there was great enmity between this covetous Jew and the generous merchant Antonio. Whenever Antonio met Shylock on the Rialto (or Exchange), he used to reproach him with his usuries and hard dealings, which the Jew would bear with seeming patience, while he secretly meditated revenge.

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#### الألفاظ والعبارات :

The usurer	المرابي
He had amassed an immense fortune	كان قد جمع ثروة طائلة
Exactd the payment of the money	يطالب بدفع المال في موعد استحقاقه
In distress	مكروب ، معوز
The covetous Jew	اليهودي الجشع
To reproach him	يؤنبه ، يؤنبه
To meditate revenge	يفكر في الشر