

Twelfth Night Summaries

3.4

After they (Toby , Maria and Fabian) meet Malvolio, Sir Andrew reappears.

Andrew has prepared a letter with which to challenge Viola.

Privately, Toby admits " this letter being so excellently ignorant will breed no terror in the youth." Instead he will verbally terrify both Viola and Andrew.

Meanwhile Olivia gives Viola a jewel and asks her to come tomorrow.

Toby winds both Andrew and Viola up, telling each that the other is a fierce and angry swordsman.

As they are about to fight, Antonio intervenes.

Orsino's officers come and arrest Antonio.

Antonio asks for his purse, thinking he is talking to Sebastian.

Andrew decides to challenge Viola again, because Toby says his refusal of Antonio shows cowardice.

4.1

The fool and Andrew encounter Sebastian, thinking him to be Cesario/Viola.

Toby tries to fight Sebastian, but Olivia comes and intervenes. Olivia proposes marriage.

4.2

Malvolio is tormented by the Fool, who pretends to be a cleric Sir Topas.

Malvolio pleads to write a letter to explain himself.

4.3

Sebastian reflects that Olivia seems otherwise sane, and decides to accept the marriage.

It is another example of love leading people to do foolish things.

5.

The Duke comes to Olivia's house.

Antonio is brought to Orsino, and accuses Viola of treachery.

Olivia enters , and mentioning Viola, Orsino threatens to kill Viola.

Viola agrees to willingly die for Orsino, perhaps showing true love.

The priest enters and confirms that a marriage was arranged.

Andrew and Sir Toby enter, and have been beaten up by Sebastian.

Sebastian enters and Orsino realises Viola is really a woman.

Olivia sends for Malvolio, and the letter is read, in which Malvolio explains himself.

Malvolio is brought in and the tricksters defend themselves.

Malvolio swears revenge.

The Fool's song sings of growing up and discovering life is hard, with 'wind and rain'.