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but olivia falls for viola instead

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william shakespeare s twelfth night of what you will was written in 1601 or 1602 at the end of christmastide it is a comedy intended as entertainment at the end of the holiday season the play is set in illyria and follows the story of the twins viola and sebastian the beginning of the play finds viola shipwrecked on the illyrian coast and helped to shore by the captain her twin brother sebastian also aboard the ship is nowhere to be found and viola believes him dead she disguises herself as a man named cesario and begins service under the duke orsino duke orsino pines after olivia however olivia is in mourning after losing her father and brother and will not be brought out of her grief or accept marriage proposals for seven years duke orsino decides to have cesario help him asking cesario to explain how strong his love is for olivia however olivia mistakenly falls in love with cesario believing viola s disguise too well viola herself has fallen helplessly in love with duke orsino while this love triangle is occurring multiple characters create a ruse to convince olivia s conceited steward malvolio that olivia is in love with him these conspirators include sir toby belch sir andrew aguecheek olivia s servants maria and fabian and the fool feste amused by their deception they create a ruckus at olivia s house by drinking and partying late into the night and hiding a fake love letter allegedly written by olivia to malvolio the servant maria pens the letter to imitate olivia s writing and asks malvolio to wear yellow stockings smile affectionately at olivia whenever she appears and to be rude to the rest of the household when malvolio discovers the letter he is excited to learn of olivia s affections and begins to follow the letter s instructions olivia is not pleased to see the change in his character and does not return any affection at all his tormentors pretend malvolio has gone insane and see that he is locked in a dungeon where the fool feste visits and mocks him pretending to be a priest at times the missing twin sebastian has meanwhile been rescued from the shipwreck by his friend antonio seeing the resemblance between sebastian and cesario confuses olivia who believes them to be the same person she asks sebastian for his hand and they marry secretly when viola and sebastian are reunited there is confusion amongst all viola reveals that she was cesario in disguise and that she loves duke orsino they decide to marry sir toby belch who was also an admirer of olivia s decides instead to marry her servant maria malvolio is angry at the deception and says he will take revenge but is talked down by fabian the gender bending from shakespeare s twelfth night is a comment on a day of revelry that was commonplace in shakespeare s era on this twelfth night after christmas roles were changed as women dressed as men and vice versa the celebration was based on a roman festival called saturnalia which was an excuse for an evening of drunken festivities and inverted social

order in twelfth night the grumpy malvolio can represent the adversary of these imbibed festivities the conspirators that aim to humiliate malvolio sir toby belch and sir andrew aguecheek representing the comic revelers the play was written to be performed at christmastide and was performed right after its completion in 1602 shakespeare borrowed some elements of the story from barnabe rich s short story entitled of apollonius and silla which was in turn based on matteo bandello s story

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set in a topsy turvy world like a holiday revel this comedy devises a romantic plot around separated twins misplaced passions and mistaken identity juxtaposed to it is the satirical story of a self deluded steward who dreams of becoming count malvolio only to receive his comeuppance at the hands of the merrymakers he wishes to suppress the two plots combine to create a farce touched with melancholy mixed throughout with seductively beautiful explorations on the themes of love and time and the play ends not with laughter but with a clown s sad song about william shakespeare william shakespeare baptised 26 april 1564 was an english poet and playwright widely regarded as the greatest writer in the english language and the world s pre eminent dramatist he is often called england s national poet and the bard of avon or simply the bard his surviving works consist of 38 plays 154 sonnets two long narrative poems and several other poems his plays have been translated into every major living language and are performed more often than those of any other playwright shakespeare was born and raised in stratford upon avon scholars believe that he died on his fifty second birthday coinciding with st george s day at the age of 18 he married anne hathaway who bore him three children susanna and twins hamnet and judith between 1585 and 1592 he began a successful career in london as an actor writer and part owner of the playing company the lord chamberlain s men later known as the king s men he appears to have retired to stratford around 1613 where he died three years later few records of shakespeare s private life survive and there has been considerable speculation about such matters as his sexuality religious beliefs and whether the works attributed to him were written by others the treatment of malvolio is a little too cruel belch and aguecheek are a little too coarse and the resolution is a little too abrupt and so this excellent shakespearean comedy falls a little short of perfection still the poetry about music and the

songs themselves are wonderful viola and orsino are charming and feste is the wisest and best of clowns 4 out of 5 stars to twelfth night a comedy written in 1601 by william shakespeare there are more reviews written about shakespeare than either of us know what to do with on over or about so you re not getting a review from me what i will say is the following love him or not the man can create brilliant plots and characters twins mistaken identities tomfoolery witchcraft a chain of who s on first when it comes to which character is in love with which other character confusion knows no bounds here but i love it it s hilarious if you re not used to shakespeare s style and rhythm this wouldn t be the first play of his i d recommend or if you really want to read this one you might want to watch a film version first just to get the plot down as it s more convoluted than any soap opera out there and i should know i ve watched nearly all of them it s got a little bit of everything but if you can see it happen first then read it it ll come across even better as you can concentrate on the words and images that come to mind rather than trying to comprehend which person is in which disguise when they are talking i have to imagine he talked to himself a lot when writing this one adding voices and different character attributes to even be sure he understood what he had going on

william shakespeare s twelfth night is a comedy about a brother and sister pair that are shipwrecked off the coast of illyria and are separated viola the sister must assume the identity of a man to earn a living in the home of duke orsino who is in love with the lady olivia twelfth night or what you will is a comedy by william shakespeare based on the short story of apolonius and silla by barnabe rich it is named after the twelfth night holiday of the christmas season it was written around 1601 and first published in the first folio in 1623 the main title is believed to be an afterthought created after john marston premiered a play titled what you will during the course of the writing

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