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HOTTEST VENETIAN GOSSIP

JEW GIRL CONVERTS TO CHRISTIAN IN SPITE OF 'DEVIL' DAD

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Shylock the Jew threatens his daughter, Jessica. Source: Google Images

The Jewish girl packed her things and ran away from her abusive father yesterday evening, with Christian boyfriend Lorenzo offering safety.

Jessica, an ordinary Jewish girl had been trapped like a prisoner in her own home. Her father Shylock, who is said to be a Jewish extremist by many who know him, has been keeping her hidden there ever since she was a young girl. Venetia, with a heavily bolted door and only two windows upstairs. Lancelot Gobbo, Shylock's ex-servant described the house as a "very dull, unclean building". In fact, Lancelot hated living with Shylock so much due to Shylock's extreme Jewish habits that he made the brave decision to confront him about it face-to-face. Lancelot now works for the Christian Bassanio, however being a loyal friend to Jessica; he could not leave without aiding her escape. It is said that Lancelot was seen yesterday delivering a letter from Jessica to her devoted Christian boyfriend, Lorenzo, with her plan of action to escape.

It was last night that her plan unfolded with the help of Lorenzo. Jessica managed to escape her cell and discover

The house, or 'prison', overlooksfaeedom for the first time. Few can imagine the dirty cobbled street in far west conditions Jessica lived in. A father should be a protector, one

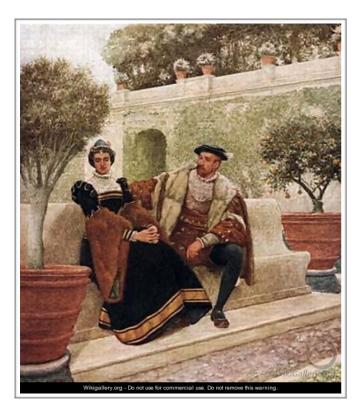
who ensures health and happiness unto his daughter, however Shylock has failed. He has kept his daughter filthy, with no prospect of hope and no feeling of safety.

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The escape was executed with precision by both Jessica and Lorenzo, with Jessica being forced to disguise herself in male clothing so as not to be seen. Secrecy lingered in the air, wrapping the masked men helping Jessica in mystery. The men, along with Lorenzo had deserted a party in order to help Jessica escape, however this was later confirmed all part of their plan. Lorenzo kept watch, whilst Jessica tiptoed to her bedroom window, carefully opened it, and jumped out into Lorenzo's waiting arms. The couple took flight with items of worth taken from the house, as Jessica had never received any of her father's fortune.

They have been seen hurriedly making their way around various places in Venetia in an attempt to hide from Jessica's furious father. Shylock has been witnessed rampaging in every street looking "crazed, demanding for Jessica and verbally harassing Christian's". A christian, Gratiano, who helped aid the escape mentioned that "Shylock is a horrible guy, real horrible Jew, I don't understand why he can't give the girl a break. He needs to learn to live life a bit more heartily, I think".



Imagined portraits of Lorenzo and Jessica have already come streaming in following the escape. Source: Google Images

Many who know Lorenzo well have claimed that Jessica is all he talks about. The question a lot of Venetian's are pondering is "how can Shylock be so cruel that he prevents his daughter and her devoted boyfriend from loving freely?" Love is something we all need, and Jessica needs a husband whom she can love forever. It is lucky then, that she has someone as brave and loyal as Lorenzo, who saved her from Shylock. Rumours have spread that tomorrow the couple makes their voyage to Belmont where they will be protected from a demented Shylock.

When asked to describe what her life was like, Jessica exclaimed, "Our house is hell" and of her father, "I am ashamed to be my fathers child!" Happiness radiated from her body as she told of now being a proud Christian who wants to be "a loving wife" for Lorenzo. Those who heard of Jessica's imprisonment before her escape and notice her in the street now approach her with praise and open arms. No one anticipated her escaping Shylock's grasp however one dreaming of Christianity will never be ignored by the Lord.

Police are warning Venetian citizens to stay clear of Shylock the Jew, as he is likely to cause harm. His verbal abuse has already hit the melancholic Antonio who has appeared to be suffering from depression for a while now. Antonio has claimed that Shylock has spat on him, as well as spoken unprovoked fowl language. 'This man is not fit to live in our community; he brings hatred and conflict', speaks Antonio of Shylock.

We wish Jessica the very best in her new Christian lifestyle, and we congratulate Lorenzo in helping Jessica, bring strength and happiness to her soul.

If you have any questions or have had a bad encounter with Shylock yourself please send a note to the messenger 'Oliverio Rossi' at the far East dockyard. We will answer them in tomorrow's issue of Doge's Daily