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Scene 3

Outside Shylock's house. Enter Shylock, Solanio, Antonio, and a Gaoler.

Shylock Gaoler, look to him: tell not me of mercy;
This is the fool that lent out money gratis.
Gaoler, look to him.

Antonio Hear me yet, good Shylock.

Shylock I'll have my bond; speak not against my bond.
5 I have sworn an oath that I will have my bond:
Thou call'dst me dog before thou hadst a cause,
But since I am a dog, beware my fangs.
The duke shall grant me justice. I do wonder,
Thou naughty gaoler, that thou art so fond
10 To come abroad with him at his request.

Antonio I pray thee, hear me speak.

Shylock I'll have my bond; I will not hear thee speak.
I'll have my bond, and therefore speak no more.
I'll not be made a soft and dull-eyed fool,
15 To shake the head, relent, and sigh, and yield
To Christian intercessors. Follow not;
I'll have no speaking, I will have my bond.

[Exit]

Solanio It is the most impenetrable cur,
That ever kept with men.

Antonio Let him alone,
20 I'll follow him no more with bootless prayers.
He seeks my life – his reason well I know;
I oft delivered from his forfeitures

Scene 3

The street outside Shylock's house. Shylock stands at the door, with Antonio, Solanio and a Gaoler.

Shylock Gaoler – guard him well! [*Gesturing wildly*] Don't speak to me about mercy! This is the fool who lent out money free of interest. Gaoler, guard him.

Antonio Listen a moment, good Shylock –

Shylock I'll have my bond! Don't speak against my bond! I've sworn an oath that I will have my bond! You called me 'dog' before you had a reason. Since I am a dog, beware my teeth! The duke will grant me justice. I'm amazed, you wicked gaoler, that you are so foolish as to wander about with him at his request!

Antonio Please hear me speak!

Shylock [*shouting*] I'll have my bond! I won't hear you speak! I'll have my bond, so say no more. I'll not be made a soft and stupid fool: shaking my head, relenting, sighing – and yielding to Christian entreaties! [*He turns to go inside*] Don't follow me! Don't talk to me! I'll have my bond! [*He enters his house, slamming the door*]

Solanio He's the most obstinate dog that ever lived in human company!

Antonio Leave him alone. I'll follow him no more with useless pleas. He wants my life. I know his reason well. I often