The Merchant of Venice

And Moneylenders

The picture is dated 1593. It shows Shylock, the moneylender, standing in front of a Genoese merchant,stanting in front of a Genoese merchant. The merchant is holding a bag of gold coins, while Shylock holds a book of ledgers and a set of scales.

Shylock, a Jewish moneylender, is often depicted as a cruel and avaricious character in Shakespeare's play. In the play, he is represented as a man who is desperately in need of money for the support of his daughter, Jessica. The merchant, on the other hand, is portrayed as a generous and kindly person, who offers Shylock a loan on interest.

The Merchant of Venice is one of Shakespeare's most popular plays, and has been performed and adapted numerous times throughout history. It is a play that explores themes of love, justice, and the nature of money.