**Taming of the Shrew Summary**

Lucentio loves Bianca but cannot court her until her shrewish older sister Katherina marries. The eccentric Petruccio marries the reluctant Katherina and uses a number of tactics to **render** her an obedient wife. Lucentio marries Bianca and, in a contest at the end, Katherina proves to be the most obedient wife.

More detail: 2.5 minute read

Act I

Taming of the Shrew begins with a group of hunting nobleman tricking a drunken **tinker** named Christopher Sly into believing he is a lord. The noblemen give Sly a disguised young **page** as his supposed wife.  They entertain him at their house with a play by a group of travelling actors, which is as follows.

The student Lucentio arrives in Padua to further his studies. He hears that the merchant, Baptista, has two daughters. When he sees Bianca, the pretty younger daughter, he decides he must **woo** her. Bianca already has two **suitors**, Gremio and Hortensio, although she cares for neither. Bianca's father, Baptista Minola, says Bianca may not marry before her strong-willed older sister, Katherina.

Lucentio hears that Baptista Minola is going to hire tutors for Bianca, and disguises himself as a Latin tutor in order to woo her. The elderly Gremio hires the disguised Lucentio to woo Bianca on his behalf. Hortensio also disguises himself as a musician to obtain access to her. Tranio, Lucentio's servant, dresses as Lucentio to convince Baptista to let Lucentio marry Bianca.

Act II

At the same time, Petruccio, a young, confident man from Verona, arrives to visit Hortensio, his friend. He learns about Katherine and **resolves** to court her, aided by both Gremio and Hortensio. Baptista is enthusiastic about Petruccio's suit, since Katherine is a burden to him. She continually quarrels with her sister and father. Although she is resistant to Petruccio's advances, he will not be **deterred** and fixes their wedding day.

Act III

While everyone prepares for the wedding, the disguised tutors Hortensio and Lucentio compete for Bianca's affections. At the church the next day, Katherine unwillingly awaits her bridegroom. Petruccio finally arrives late, dressed in **outlandish** clothes, and he causes a scene. After the ceremony, he immediately leaves for Verona with his new wife.

Act IV

On reaching her new home, Katherine is mistreated by Petruccio and his servants and is refused food and rest. Petruccio's aim is to 'tame' Katherine, while pretending to act out of a desire for her benefit. Eventually, worn down by her husband's behaviour, Katherina submits and agrees to all Petruccio's **whims**. In exchange, she has his permission to visit her father in Padua. On the journey, the couple meet Vincentio, Lucentio's wealthy father. Petruccio tests Kate's obedience, asking her to say that the sun is the moon and that an old man is a beautiful young woman.

Act V

The three eventually reach Padua. Hortensio, rejected by Bianca, has already married a wealthy widow. They also find that Tranio, still dressed as Lucentio, has succeeded in convincing Baptista to let Lucentio marry Bianca. A **pedant** (school teacher) has posed as Vincentio, Lucentio's father, to give his blessing to the match. Meanwhile, the real Lucentio has organised a secret wedding with Bianca, which they carry out. When the real Vincentio arrives and discovers a pedant posing as him and Tranio in his son's clothes, Lucentio is forced to confess to the whole plan. He tells them about his new marriage to Bianca.

**Undismayed**, Baptista holds a wedding feast for both his daughters. As the men relax after their meal, Petruccio devises a scheme to prove whose wife is the most obedient. Bianca and the widow fail to come to their husbands when called. But Katherine returns immediately and firmly tells the women the proper duties of a wife.

Back in the real world, the visiting players leave. Christopher Sly is abandoned to sleep off his dream of the taming of a shrewish wife.

render=καθιστώ (εδώ: κάνω, μετατρέπω)

tinker=τσιγγάνος

page=υπηρέτης

woo=κερδίζω μια γυναίκα

suitor=μνηστήρας

resolve=είμαι αποφασισμένος

deter=αποθαρρύνω

outlandish=εκκεντρικός, αλλόκοτος

whim=καπρίτσιο

pedant=παιδαγωγός

undismayed=αυτός που δεν έχει αποθαρρυνθεί

**Write a short description of each role in the space provided**

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| Christofer Sly |  |
| Lucentio |  |
| Baptista Minola |  |
| Bianca |  |
| Gremio |  |
| Hortensio |  |
| Katherina |  |
| Tranio |  |
| Petruccio |  |
| Vincentio |  |

https://www.shakespeare.org.uk/explore-shakespeare/shakespedia/shakespeares-plays/taming-of-the-shrew/

**10 Things I Hate About You Summary**

Cameron James, a new student at Padua High School in the Seattle area, instantly falls in love with beautiful and popular **sophomore** Bianca Stratford. Geeky Michael Eckman warns him that Bianca is **vapid** and **conceited**, and that her overprotective father does not allow Bianca or her older sister, the shrewish Kat, to date. Kat, a senior, is accepted to Sarah Lawrence College in NewYork, but her father, Walter, wants her to stay close to home. Bianca wishes to date **affluent** senior Joey Donner, but Walter, an obstetrician worrisome of teenage pregnancy, will not allow his daughters to date until they graduate. Frustrated by Bianca's insistence and Kat's rebelliousness, Walter declares that Bianca may date only when Kat does, knowing that Kat's anti-social attitude makes this unlikely.

When Cameron asks Bianca out, she informs him of her father's new rule and, as a pretence for allowing her to date Joey, suggests that Cameron find someone willing to date Kat. Cameron selects "bad boy" Patrick Verona, but Patrick scares him off. Michael assists by convincing Joey to pay Patrick to take Kat out, under the pretence that this will allow Joey to date Bianca. Patrick agrees to the deal, but Kat **rebuffs** his first few advances. Michael and Cameron help him by **probing** Bianca for information on Kat's likes and dislikes. Armed with this knowledge, Patrick begins to win Kat's interest. She goes to a party with him, which enables Bianca to go as well, much to Walter's dismay.

At the party, Kat becomes upset when she sees Bianca with Joey, and responds by getting drunk. Patrick attends to her, and Kat starts to open up, expressing her interest in starting a band. However, when she tries to kiss him, Patrick pulls away and Kat leaves, infuriated. Meanwhile, Bianca ignores Cameron in favour of Joey, leaving Cameron **dejected**. Bianca soon realises, however, that Joey is shallow and self-absorbed, and asks Cameron for a ride home. Cameron admits his feelings for her and his frustration with how she has treated him. Bianca responds by kissing him.

Joey offers to pay Patrick to take Kat to the prom so he can take Bianca. Patrick initially refuses, but **relents** when Joey offers him more money. Kat is still angry with Patrick, but he wins her over by serenading her with the accompaniment of the marching band, and she helps him sneak out of detention. They go on a date which turns romantic, but Kat becomes suspicious and angry when Patrick insists that she go with him to the prom, an event she is **adamantly** against. Bianca is irritated that Cameron hasn't asked her to the prom, and so accepts Joey's invitation, but Walter won't allow it unless Kat goes too. Kat confesses to Bianca that she dated Joey when they were freshmen and, succumbing to peer pressure, had sex with him. Afterwards she regretted it and Joey dumped her, so she vowed to never again do anything just because everyone else was doing it. Bianca insists that she can make her own choices, so Kat agrees to go to the prom with Patrick, and Bianca decides to go with Cameron instead of Joey.

All is going well at the prom until Bianca learns that Joey planned to have sex with her that night. Angry that Bianca has **spurned** him for Cameron, Joey reveals his arrangement with Patrick, which causes Kat to leave heartbroken. Joey then punches Cameron, but is in turn beaten up by Bianca for having hurt her, Kat, and Cameron. Bianca and Cameron share another kiss.

The next day, Bianca reconciles with Kat and begins dating Cameron. Walter admits that Kat is capable of taking care of herself, and gives her permission to attend Sarah Lawrence College. For an assignment in which the students were required to write their own version of William Shakespeare's Sonnet 141, Kat reads aloud a poem titled "10 Things I Hate About You", revealing that she still loves Patrick. Patrick surprises her with a guitar bought with the money that Joey paid him, and confesses that he has fallen for her. Kat forgives him, and the two reconcile with a kiss.

sophomore=δευτεροετής

vapid=άτονος, αδιάφορος

conceited=αλαζόνας

affluent=εύπορος

rebuff=απορρίπτω

probe=εξετάζω, δοκιμάζω

dejected=απεγνωσμένος

relent=υποκύπτω

adamantly=σθεναρά, πεισματικά

spurn=απορρίπτω, "ρίχνω χυλόπιτα"

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| Cameron James |  |
| Bianca Stratford |  |
| Michael Eckman |  |
| Kat |  |
| Walter |  |
| Joey Donner |  |
| Patrick Verona |  |