# Pericle, principe di Tiro

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## Luogo (ambientazione)

Greece

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## Epoca

Ancient Greece (around 430-470 b.c.)

## Soggetto (descrizione dell’opera e del luogo)

Pericles, Prince of Tyre is a Jacobean play where the prince leaves home to escape death only to win a jousting contest and marry a princess. Once he can return home, his family sails with him, but a storm separates them, so the prince returns alone. Years later, Pericles finds his daughter and reunites with the wife he had thought was dead.

Act I

The poet Gower introduces a tale beginning with King Antiochus, who hides an incestuous relationship with his daughter by posing a deadly riddle to her suitors: solve it and marry her, fail and die. When Prince Pericles of Tyre discovers the truth, he flees, prompting Antiochus to send Thaliart to assassinate him.

Pericles returns to Tyre and confides in his friend Lord Helicanus, who advises him to leave before Antiochus’s men arrive. In Tarsus, Governor Cleon and his wife Dionyza lament a famine. Pericles brings them food, easing their suffering before continuing his journey.

Act II

Warned by Helicanus of Thaliart’s pursuit, Pericles sets sail again but is shipwrecked during a storm. He washes ashore and learns from fishermen about a festival and jousting contest for the hand of Thaisa, daughter of King Simonides. Using a rusty suit of armor from the fishermen, Pericles enters and wins the contest, earning Thaisa’s love.

After their marriage, Pericles stays at court until he hears of Antiochus’s death. Now safe, he sets sail with his pregnant wife to reclaim his throne in Tyre.

Act III

Another storm at sea claims Thaisa, who seemingly dies giving birth to their daughter, Marina. Her coffin is cast overboard, and Pericles, grieving, leaves Marina in the care of Cleon and Dionyza in Tarsus before continuing to Tyre.

Thaisa’s coffin washes ashore at Ephesus, where a doctor revives her. Believing her family lost, she becomes a priestess at the temple of Diana.

Act IV

Fifteen years later, Marina grows up in Tarsus but faces danger when Dionyza, jealous of her beauty, plots her murder. Pirates abduct Marina before the plan succeeds, selling her to a brothel in Mytilene. There, her virtue inspires men to reform, and she earns her freedom to work as a maid.

Meanwhile, Pericles learns of Marina’s supposed death and, overcome with grief, roams the seas aimlessly. He arrives in Mytilene, where Governor Lysimachus, hearing of Marina’s reputation, arranges for her to meet Pericles.

Act V

Pericles, at first despairing, recognizes Marina as his daughter when she recounts her birth. Overjoyed, he dreams of the goddess Diana, who directs him to her temple in Ephesus. There, he reunites with Thaisa, who reveals herself as his wife.

The family returns to Tyre, rejoicing. Gower concludes with news of Cleon and Dionyza’s downfall, punished by their people for their treatment of Marina.

<https://www.shakespeare.org.uk/explore-shakespeare/shakespedia/shakespeares-plays/pericles-prince-tyre/>

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## Immagini (elenco)

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## Personaggi principali

* **Antiochus** – king of Antioch
* **Pericles** – Prince of Tyre
* **Simonides** – king of Pentapolis
* **Dionyza** – wife to Cleon
* **Thaisa** – daughter to Simonides, Pericles' wife
* **Marina** – daughter to Pericles and Thaisa