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Here we see the glossary used to provide extra information for these geographical locations within the play *The Comedy of Errors*.

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### SCENE 1

### A hall in the Duke's palace

ENTER THE DUKE OF EPHESUS, AEGEON, THE MERCHANT OF SYRACUSE, GAOLER, OFFICERS, AND OTHER ATTENDANTS

#### AEGEON

Proceed, Solinus, to procure my fall, And by the doom of death end woes and all.

#### DUKE

Merchant of Syracuse, plead no more; I am not partial to infringe our laws. The enmity and discord which of late Sprung from the rancorous outrage of your dike To merchants, our well-dealing countrymen, Who, wanting guilders to redeem their lives, Have seal'd his rigorous statutes with their bloods, Excludes all pity from our threat'ning looks. For, since the mortal and intestine jars 'Twixt thy seditious countrymen and us, It hath in solemn synods been decreed, Both by the Syracusians and ourselves, To admit no traffic to our adverse towns; Nay, more: if any born at Ephesus Be seen at any Syracusian marts and fairs; Again, if any Syracusian born

Come to the bay of Ephesus—he dies, His goods confiscate to the Duke's dispose, Unless a thousand marks be levied, To quit the penalty and to ransom him. Thy substance, valued at the highest rate, Cannot amount unto a hundred marks; Therefore by law thou art condemn'd to die.

#### AEGEON

Yet this my comfort: when your words are done, My woes end likewise with the evening sun.

#### DUKE

Well, Syracusian, say in brief the cause Why thou departed'st from thy native home, And for what cause thou cam'st to Ephesus.

#### AEGEON

A heavier task could not have been impos'd Than I to speak my griefs unspeakable; Yet, that the world may witness that my end Was wrought by nature, not by vile offence, I'll utter what my sorrow gives me leave. In Syracuse was I born, and wed Unto a woman, happy but for me, And by me, had not our hap been bad. With her I liv'd in joy; our wealth increas'd By prosperous voyages I often made

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