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## LIFE'S BUT A WALKING SHADOW

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The approach to mental states made in literature even before the sistematization of psichopathology, contributes to the comprehension of mental illness by giving it an almost universal and timeless perspective. Hamlet walked the stage wearing several masks which succeeded themselfs.

Throught the presentation of a psychiatric story we would like to go through some of the masks present in Shakespear's work. From

Othello to Juliet, from Desdemona to Hamlet, to Ophelia. Following the internment of a 75 year old women, a biography with romanesque and tragic features emerged from her clinical condition: a love story and the Othello syndrom of her Romeo.