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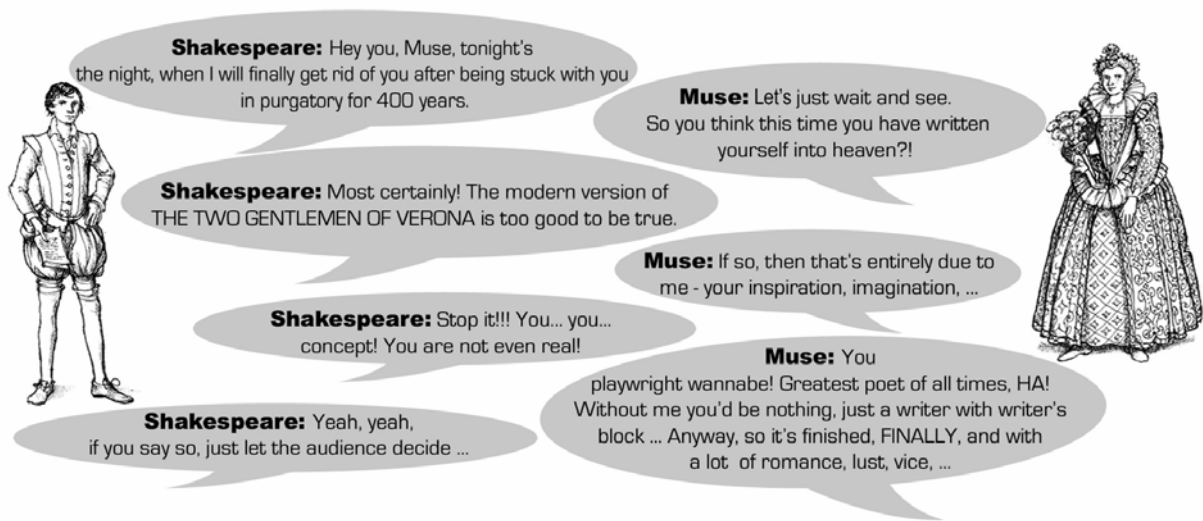
the **WORLD PREMIERE** of

William Shakespeare's

Two Gentlemen of Verona

- a modern version

by the shakespeare project



In case you have always been wondering how Shakespeare went about writing one of his plays, how he is connected to the Russian mafia, and whether he is actually in heaven – everything you need to know about the greatest poet of all times will be disclosed in this breath-taking, funny, and witty modern version of *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*. Over a period of 6 months, enthusiastic young writers got the chance to re-write this early romantic comedy, not only by breathing fresh spirit into a text written 500 years ago, but also by bringing the Bard himself back to life and onto the stage. In fact, the poor guy is stuck in purgatory with a woman – his muse, an over-the-top “*Sex in the City-20-years-later*” creature – who keeps screwing things up. At least that's what he thinks. The new version not only explores Shakespeare's eternal values of love, betrayal and friendship in a 21st century college setting, but also sheds light on a very human side of Master Shakespeare. This time we will get to know the man behind the genius for real.

About the shakespeare project

Started as a writing project initiated by Martin Buxbaum at the University of Vienna's English Department, the shakespeare project quickly developed into a group of dedicated young writers who turned Shakespeare's somewhat flawed early romantic comedy into a hilariously entertaining modern play while staying true to the plot and spirit of the original.
