

Antony and Cleopatra

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Enter a company of Soldiers

FIRST SOLDIER

Brother, good night. Tomorrow is the day.

SECOND SOLDIER

It will determine one way. Fare you well.

Heard you of nothing strange about the streets?

FIRST SOLDIER Nothing. What news?

SECOND SOLDIER

Belike 'tis but a rumour. Good night to you.

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FIRST SOLDIER

Well, sir, good night.

Enter other Soldiers, meeting them

SECOND SOLDIER Soldiers, have careful watch.

THIRD SOLDIER

And you. Good night, good night.

They place themselves in every corner of the stage

SECOND SOLDIER Here we; an if tomorrow

Our navy thrive, I have an absolute hope

Our landmen will stand up.

FIRST SOLDIER 'Tis a brave army,

And full of purpose.

Music of the hautboys is under the stage

SECOND SOLDIER Peace, what noise?

FIRST SOLDIER

List, list! 10

SECOND SOLDIER

Hark!

FIRST SOLDIER Music i'th' air.

THIRD SOLDIER

Under the earth.

FOURTH SOLDIER

It signs well, does it not?

THIRD SOLDIER

No.

FIRST SOLDIER

Peace, I say!

What should this mean?

SECOND SOLDIER

'Tis the god Hercules, whom Antony loved,

Now leaves him.

FIRST SOLDIER Walk. Let's see if other watchmen

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Do hear what we do.

SECOND SOLDIER How now, masters?

ALL (*speaking together*) How now?

How now? Do you hear this?

FIRST SOLDIER Ay. Is't not strange?

THIRD SOLDIER

Do you hear, masters? Do you hear?

FIRST SOLDIER

Follow the noise so far as we have quarter.

Let's see how it will give off.

ALL

Content. 'Tis strange. 20

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