

Timon of Athens

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Enter two other Senators, with a Messenger

[THIRD] SENATOR

Thou hast painfully discovered. Are his files
As full as thy report?

MESSENGER

I have spoke the least.
Besides, his expedition promises
Present approach.

[FOURTH] SENATOR

We stand much hazard if they bring not Timon.

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MESSENGER

I met a courier, one mine ancient friend,
Whom, though in general part we were opposed,
Yet our old love made a particular force
And made us speak like friends. This man was riding
From Alcibiades to Timon's cave
With letters of entreaty which imported
His fellowship i'th' cause against your city,
In part for his sake moved.

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Enter the other Senators

[THIRD] SENATOR

Here come our brothers.

[FIRST] SENATOR

No talk of Timon; nothing of him expect.
The enemy's drum is heard, and fearful scouring
Doth choke the air with dust. In, and prepare.
Ours is the fall, I fear, our foe's the snare.

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Exeunt