

LEONATO  
 Marry, thou dost wrong me, thou dissembler, thou.  
 Nay, never lay thy hand upon thy sword. 60  
 I fear thee not.

CLAUDIO Marry, beshrew my hand  
 If it should give your age such cause of fear.  
 In faith, my hand meant nothing to my sword.

LEONATO  
 Tush, tush, man, never fleer and jest at me. 65  
 I speak not like a dotard nor a fool,  
 Thou hast so wronged mine innocent child and me 70  
 That I am forced to lay my reverence by,  
 And with gray hairs and bruise of many days  
 Do challenge thee to trial of a man.  
 I say thou hast belied mine innocent child.  
 Thy slander hath gone through and through her 75  
 heart,  
 And she lies buried with her ancestors,  
 framed by thy villainy.

CLAUDIO  
 My villainy? 80

LEONATO Thine, Claudio, thine, I say.

DON PEDRO  
 You say not right, old man.

LEONATO My lord, my lord,  
 I'll prove it on his body if he dare,

CLAUDIO  
 Away! I will not have to do with you.

LEONATO  
 Canst thou so daff me? Thou hast killed my child.  
 If thou kill'st me, boy, thou shalt kill a man.

ANTONIO  
 He shall kill two of us, and men indeed, 90  
 Let him kill one first.  
 Let him answer me.—  
 Come, sir boy, come, follow me.  
 Sir boy, I'll whip you, 95  
 Nay, as I am a gentleman, I will.

LEONATO Brother—

ANTONIO  
 Content yourself. God knows I loved my niece,  
 And she is dead, slandered to death by villains  
 Boys, apes, braggarts, jacks, milksops!

LEONATO Brother Anthony—

ANTONIO  
 Hold you content. What, man! I know them, yea,  
 That lie and cog and flout, deprave and slander,  
 And speak off half a dozen dang'rous words  
 How they might hurt their enemies, if they durst, 110  
 And this is all.

LEONATO But brother Anthony—

ANTONIO Come, 'tis no matter.  
 Do not you meddle. Let me deal in this.