

Much a doe

come to fetch you to church.

Hero Help to dresse me good coze, good Meg, good Vrsula.

Enter Leonato, and the Constable, and the Headborough.

Leonato What would you with me, honest neighbour?

Const. Dog. Mary sir I would haue some confidence with you, that decernes you nearely.

Leonato Briefe I pray you, for you see it is a busie time with me.

Const. Dog. Mary this it is sir.

Headb. Yes in truth it is sir.

Leonato What is it my good friends?

Con. Do. Goodman Verges sir speaks a little of the matter, an old man sir, and his wittes are not so blunt, as God helpe I would desire they were, but in faith honest, as the skin between his browes.

Head. Yes I thank God, I am as honest as any man liuing, that is an old man, and no honestier then I.

Const. Dog. Comparisons are odorous, palabras, neighbour Verges.

Leonato Neighbors, you are tedious.

Const. Dog. It pleases your worship to say so, but we are the poore Dukes officers, but truly for mine owne part, if I were as tedious as a King I could find in my heart to bestow it all of your worship.

Leonato Al thy tediousnesse on me, ah?

Const. Dog. Yea, and 't were a thousand pound more than tis, for I heare as good exclamation on your worshippe as of any man in the cite, and though I be but a poore man, I am glad to heare it.

Head. And so am I.

Leonato I would faine know what you haue to say.

Head. Mary sir our watch to night, excepting your worships presence, ha tane a couple of as arrant knaues as any in Messina.

Const. Dog. A good old man sir, he will be talking as they say, when the age is in, the wit is out, God help vs, it is a world
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about Nothing.

to see: well said yfaith neighbour Verges, well, God's a good man, and two men ride of a horse, one must ride behind, an honest soule yfaith sir, by my troth he is, as euer broke bread, but God is to be worshipt, all men are not alike, alas good neighbour.

Leonato Indeed neighbour he comes too short of you.

Const. Do. Gifts that God giues.

Leonato I must leaue you.

Const. Dog. One word sir, our watch sir haue indeede comprehended two aspitious persons, and wee woulde haue them this morning examined before your worship.

Leonato Take their examination your selfe, and bring it me, I am now in great haste, as it may appeare vnto you.

Constable It shall be suffigance. *(exit)*

Leonato Drinke some wine ere you goe: fare you well.

Messenger My lord, they stay for you, to giue your daughter to her husband.

Leon. Ile wait vpon them, I am ready.

Dogb. Go good partner, goe get you to Francis Sea-cote, bid him bring his penne and inckehorne to the Gaole: we are now to examination these men.

Verges And we must do it wisely.

Dogbery We will spare for no witte I warrant you: heeres that shall driue some of them to a noncome, only get the learned writer to set downe our excommunication, and meet me at the Iaile.

Enter Prince, Bastard, Leonato, Frier, Claudio, Benedicke, Hero, and Beatrice.

Leonato Come Frier Francis, be briefe, onely to the plaine forme of marriage, and you shall recount their particular duties afterwards.

Fran. You come hither, my lord, to marry this lady.

Claudio No.

Leo. To be married to her: Frier, you come to marry her.

Frier Lady, you come hither to be married to this counte.

Hero I do.

Frier If either of you know any inward impediment why