

Henry VI Part 2 abbreviated

Act 1, Scene 1

Resentment

Situation: Observing the turmoil and conflicting interests among the nobles, Richard Plantagenet, the duke of York, senses this may be the moment to make his move to seize the crown from the Lancaster dynasty.

YORK: Anjou and Maine are given to the French; Paris is lost; the state of Normandy stands on a tickle point, now they are gone.

York to himself, No. 1

The peers agreed to Suffolk's dealings. The King was pleased to change two dukedoms for a Duke's daughter. I can't blame them. What is 't To them? 'Tis thine they give away and not Their own. So Richard must sit and fret 't And bite his tongue, while his own lands are bought And sold. A day will come when I will spy Advantage and claim the king's crown. York, lie Still awhile, till time do serve. When Humphrey Is at odds with peers and Henry's in love With England's dear-bought queen, then bearing the Arms of York to grapple with the House of Lancaster, whose rule hath pulled England down, I'll against his will make him yield the crown.