

Julius Caesar abbreviated

Act 1, Scene 2

Jealousy

Situation: Cassius believes that Caesar is leading Rome in the wrong direction and that he and Brutus and others need to do something about it. Cassius continues his effort to persuade Brutus to not only support the cause but help lead it.

BRUTUS: Another general shout! I do believe that these applauses are for some new honors that are heaped on Caesar.

Cassius to Brutus, No. 2

He doth bstride this narrow world of men
Like a gigantic bronze Colossus, when
We petty men peep here about to find
Ourselves dishonorable graves. Men should
Be masters of their own fates. The fault, kind
Brutus, is ours, that underlings we would
Be. Upon what meat doth this our Caesar
Feed that he hath grown great? Rome hast lost her
Breed of noble bloods. And in what age can
One recall talk of Rome, saying she made
Her wide walks to encompass but one man?
You and I have heard our fathers say they'd
As soon let the eternal devil bring
His state to Rome than to accept a king.

BRUTUS: What you have said I will consider; what you have to say I will with patience hear. Till then, my noble friend, chew upon this: Brutus had rather be a villager than to repute himself a son of Rome under these hard conditions as this time is like to lay upon us.

CASSIUS: I am glad that my weak words have struck but this much show of fire from Brutus.