

427 POLIXENES How caught of me?
 428 Camillo,
 429 As you are certainly a gentleman, thereto
 430 Clerklike experienced, which no less adorns
 431 Our gentry than our parents' noble names,
 432 If you know aught which does behoove my
 433 knowledge
 434 Thereof to be informed, imprison 't not
 435 In ignorant concealment.

436 CAMILLO I may not answer.

POLIXENES

437 I conjure thee by all the parts of man
 438 Which honor does acknowledge, whereof the least
 439 Is not this suit of mine, that thou declare
 440 What incidency thou dost guess of harm
 441 Is creeping toward me; how far off, how near;
 442 Which way to be prevented, if to be;
 443 If not, how best to bear it.

444 CAMILLO Sir, I will tell you,
 445 Since I am charged in honor and by him
 446 That I think honorable. Therefore mark my counsel,
 447 Which must be e'en as swiftly followed as
 448 I mean to utter it, or both yourself and me
 449 Cry lost, and so goodnight.

450 POLIXENES On, good Camillo.

CAMILLO

451 I am appointed him to murder you.

POLIXENES

452 By whom, Camillo?

453 CAMILLO By the King.

454 POLIXENES For what?

CAMILLO

455 He thinks, nay with all confidence he swears,
 456 As he had seen 't or been an instrument
 457 To vice you to 't, that you have touched his queen
 458 Forbiddenly.

459 POLIXENES O, then my best blood turn
 460 To an infected jelly, and my name
 461 Be yoked with his that did betray the Best!

462 CAMILLO Swear his thought over
 463 By each particular star in heaven and
 464 By all their influences, you may as well
 465 Forbid the sea for to obey the moon
 466 As or by oath remove or counsel shake

467 The fabric of his folly-

468 POLIXENES How should this grow?

CAMILLO

469 I know not. But I am sure 'tis safer to
470 Avoid what's grown than question how 'tis born.
471 If therefore you dare trust my honesty,
472 That lies enclosed in this trunk which you
473 Shall bear along impawned, away tonight!
474 Your followers I will whisper to the business,
475 And will by twos and threes at several posterns
476 Clear them o' th' city. For myself, I'll put
477 My fortunes to your service, which are here
478 By this discovery lost. Be not uncertain,
479 For, by the honor of my parents, I
480 Have uttered truth—which if you seek to prove,
481 I dare not stand by; nor shall you be safer
482 Than one condemned by the King's own mouth,
483 thereon
484 His execution sworn.

485 POLIXENES I do believe thee.
486 I saw his heart in 's face. Give me thy hand.
487 Be pilot to me and thy places shall
488 Still neighbor mine. My ships are ready and
489 My people did expect my hence departure
490 Two days ago. This jealousy
491 Is for a precious creature. As she's rare,
492 Must it be great; and as his person's mighty,
493 Must it be violent; and as he does conceive
494 He is dishonored by a man which ever
495 Professed to him, why, his revenges must
496 In that be made more bitter.

CAMILLO

497 Please your Highness
498 To take the urgent hour. Come, sir, away.

They exit.