

I can see yet without spectacles and I see no such matter: there's her cousin, and she were not possessed with a fury, exceeds her as much in beauty as the first of May doth the last of December. But I hope you have no intent to turn husband, have you?

- Benedick (Act 1, Scene 1)

By my troth, niece, thou wilt never get thee a husband, if thou be so shrewd of thy tongue.

- Leonato (Act 2, Scene 1)

Not till God make men of some other metal than earth. Would it not grieve a woman to be overmastered with a piece of valiant dust? To make an account of her life to a clod of wayward marl? No, uncle, I'll none.

- Beatrice (Act 2, Scene 1)

Here, Claudio, I have wooed in thy name, and fair Hero is won: I have broke with her father, and his good will obtained: name the day of marriage, and God give thee joy!

- Don Pedro (Act 2, Scene 1)

Hear me call Margaret Hero, hear Margaret term me Claudio; and bring them to see this the very night Before the intended wedding.

- Borachio (Act 2, Scene 2)

Hero thinks surely she will die; for she says she  
Will die, if he love her not, and she will die, ere  
She make her love known, and she will die, if he woo  
Her, rather than she will bate one breath of her  
Accustomed crossness.

- Claudio (Act 2, Scene 3)

There, Leonato, take her back again:  
Give not this rotten orange to your friend;  
She's but the sign and semblance of her honour.

- Claudio (Act 4, Scene 1)

Is he not approved in the height a villain, that  
Hath slandered, scorned, dishonoured my kinswoman? O  
That I were a man! What, bear her in hand until they  
Come to take hands; and then, with public  
Accusation, uncovered slander, unmitigated rancour,  
—O God, that I were a man! I would eat his heart  
in the market-place.

- Beatrice (Act 4, Scene 1)

Enough, I am engaged; I will challenge him. I will  
kiss your hand, and so I leave you. By this hand,  
Claudio shall render me a dear account. As you  
hear of me, so think of me. Go, comfort your  
cousin: I must say she is dead: and so, farewell.

- Benedick (Act 4, Scene 1)

Marry, sir, they have committed false report;  
moreover, they have spoken untruths; secondarily,  
they are slanders; sixth and lastly, they have  
belied a lady; thirdly, they have verified unjust  
things; and, to conclude, they are lying knaves.

- Dogberry (Act 5, Scene 1)

Come, bring away the plaintiffs: by this time our  
sexton hath reformed Signior Leonato of the matter:  
and, masters, do not forget to specify, when time  
and place shall serve, that I am an ass.

- Dogberry (Act 5, Scene 1)

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