

## Henry VI Part 2 abbreviated

Act 5, Scene 2

### Revenge

**Situation: Old Clifford and York have a fight at a castle at St. Albans, Clifford saying “thou art so fast my enemy.” Old Clifford falls and dies, causing Young Clifford to commit himself to avenge his father’s death.**

CLIFFORD: What seest thou in me, York? Thou art so fast mine enemy. Thy prowess is shown ignobly and in treason.

YORK: Let it help me now against thy sword as I in justice and true right express it.

They fight. Clifford falls and dies.

YORK: Peace with his soul, Heaven, if it be thy will!

York exits. Young Clifford enters.

### Young Clifford to himself

**Fear frames disorder, shame and confusion,  
And disorder wounds where it should guard. Son  
Of hell, war is. Ay, he that is truly  
Dedicated to war hath no self-love;  
He that loves himself hath not innately  
But by narrow circumstance the name of  
Valor. Wast thou ordained, dear father, to  
Lose thy youth in peace and with but too few  
Years left die in a ruffian battle?  
My heart’s stone. Tears shall be to me even  
As the dew to fire. Henceforward I will  
Not have to do with pity. Death to an  
Infant I meet in a house of York’s name.  
In cruelty will I seek out my fame.**

YOUNG CLIFFORD: Come thou new ruin of old Clifford’s house. So bear I thee upon my manly shoulders. Nothing so heavy as these woes of mine.