

Henry VI Part 3 abbreviated

Act 4, Scene 2

Observation

Situation: Edward Plantagenet mocks the thought that the king of France and Warwick should be upset with his marriage to the Lady Grey. But he decides it's in his best interest to secure support from Montague, Hastings and his brother Richard. But Edward's brother Clarence, disturbed with his brother's quick marriage, shifts his support to Warwick. Returning the favor, Warwick pledges his younger daughter to Clarence as his wife, having earlier pledged his older daughter as a wife for Prince Edward.

WARWICK: Speak suddenly, my lords, are we all friends?

GEORGE DUKE OF CLARENCE: Fear not that, my lord.

Warwick to Clarence

Clarence, welcome. I hold it cowardice
To mistrust when a noble heart to us
Pawns an open hand in sign of love. My
Daughter shall be thine, Clarence. Edward knows
Not how to use ambassadors, nor why
He should use his brothers brotherly. He owes
His people to study their welfare, and
Himself a shroud from enemies, his land
Misused. Now what rests in night's coverture
But thy brother, carelessly encamped. His
Soldiers lurking in the towns about were
Seen while he watched o'er by simple guards. 'Tis
our plan to take him quietly where he lies,
For I intend this to be a surprise.

They all cry "Henry!"

WARWICK: Why, then, let's on our way in silent sort, for Warwick and his friends, God and Saint George!