

Julius Caesar abbreviated

Act 1, Scene 3

Insight

Situation: Moving ever more aggressively, Cassius closes the deal with Casca, Casca becoming an eager, willing and supporting conspirator.

CASSIUS: Let it be who it is. But, woe the while, our fathers' minds are dead, and we are governed with our mothers' spirits. Our yoke and sufferance show us womanish.

CASCA: Indeed, they say the Senators tomorrow mean to establish Caesar as a king.

CASSIUS: I know where I will wear this dagger then; Cassius from bondage will deliver Cassius.

Cassius to Casca, No. 2

**If your gods make weak men most strong, then you
Tyrants do defeat. There's nothing here to
Impede the strength of spirit. Life, being
Weary of worldly bars, ne'er lacks power
To dismiss itself. So with my knowing
This, the world knows this, and at my pleasure
I can shake off any tyranny I
Might bear. He a wolf, seeing Romans lie
As sheep; no lion, were not Romans deer.
How weak is Rome when it serves to throw light
On such a vile thing as Caesar. It's here
I once said to a willing slave I might
Act, so I must now act, my message sent.
These dangers are to me indifferent.**

CASCA: Hold. My hand.
They shake hands.

CASCA: I will set this foot of mine as far as who goes farthest.

CASSIUS: There's a bargain made. Now know you Casca, I have moved already some certain of the noblest minded Romans to undergo with me an enterprise of honorable-dangerous consequence.