

## Pericles abbreviated

Act 3, Scene 2

### Insight

**Situation:** Two Gentlemen are engaging Cerimon, a physician, in a very pleasant conversation as the three of them walk along the beach at Ephesus, just after dawn.

FIRST GENTLEMAN: I much marvel that your Lordship, having luxurious accoutrements about you, should at these early hours shake off the golden slumber of repose.

**Cerimon to Gentlemen:**

I hold it ever that skill and virtue  
Hold more value than nobles' riches do.  
Careless heirs may darken noble claims and  
Spend their riches, where immortality  
'Tends the former, making a good man grand.  
'Tis known through good fortune I did study  
Medicine, and, through its select learning  
And together with my practice, have seen  
The benefit of blessed infusions  
Found in plants and the glorious sulfate  
Found in stones; speaking to the dispersions  
Nature offers and how she cures. That fate  
Hath given me this delight is my stealth;  
Death separating a man from his wealth.

SECOND GENTLEMAN: Your honor has through Ephesus poured forth your charity, and hundreds call themselves your creatures, who by you have been restored.

Two Servants enter with a chest.