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S V P P O S E S :
A Comedie vvritten in
the Italian tongue by Ario-
fto, Englished by George Gaf-
coygne of Grayes Inne
Esquire,
and there prefented.
1566.

The names of the Actors.

B Alia, the Nurfe.

Polynefta, the yong woman.

Cleander, the Doctor, futer to Polynefta.

Pafyphilo, the Paraſite.

Carion, the Doctors man.

Dulypo, fayned feruant and louer of Polynefta.

Erofrato, fayned mafter and futer to Polynefta.

Dalio & } feruantes to fayned Erofrato.
Crapyno }

Scenæfe, a gentleman ftranger.

Paquette & } his feruantes.
Petrucio }

Damon, father to Polinefta.

Neuola, and two other his feruants.

Pfyteria, an olda hag in his houfe.

Phylogano, a Scycilian gentleman, father to Erofrato.

Lytio, his feruant.

Ferrarefe, an Inkéeper of Ferrara.

The Comedie prefented as it were
in Ferrara.

The Prologue or argument.

I Suppose you are affembled here, supposing
to reape the fruite of my trauayles: and to be
playne, I meane presently to presente you
vvith a Comedie called Supposes: the verye
5 name vvherof may peraduenture driue into euery of
your heades a fundry Suppose, to suppose, the mea-
ning of our supposes. Some percase vvill suppose vve
meane to occupie your eares vvith sophisticall hand-
ling of subtile Suppositions. Some other vvill suppose
10 vve go about to discipher vnto you some queint concei-
ptes, vvvhich hitherto haue bene onely supposed
as it vv ere in shadowes: and some I see fmyling as
though they supposed vve vvould trouble you vvith
the vaine suppose of some vvanton Suppose. But vn-
15 derstand, this our Suppose is nothing else but a my-
ftaking or imagination of one thing for an other. For
you shall see the mafter supposed for the seruant, the
seruant for the mafter: the freeman for a slaue, and
the bondslaue for a freeman: the ftranger for a vvell
20 knovven friend, and the familiar for a ftranger. But
vvhat? I suppose that euen already you suppose me
very fonde, that haue so simply disclosed vnto you
the subtilties of these our Supposes: vvhere other-
vvise in deede I suppose you shoulde haue hearde
25 almoft the lasfe of our Supposes, before you coulde
haue supposed anye of them arighte. Let this then
suffise.

Suppofes.

Actus primus. Scena. 1.

BALIA, the Nurfe. POLYNESTA, the yong vvoman.

H Ere is no body, come foorth Polynefta, let vs
 looke about, to be fure leaft any man heare our
 talke: for I thinke within the houfe the tables,
 the planks, the beds, the portals, yea and the
5 cupbords them felues haue eares.

 Pol. You might as well haue fayde, the windowes and
 the doores: do you not fee howe they harken?

 Ba. Well you ieft faire, but I would aduife you take
 héede, I haue bidden you a thoufande times beware: you
10 will be fpied one day talking with Dulippo.

 Po. And why fhould I not talke with Dulippo, as well
 as with any other, I pray you?

 Ba. I haue giuen you a wherfore for this why many
 times: but go too, followe your owne aduife till you ouer-
15 whelme vs all with foden mifhappe.

 Po. A great mifhappe I promife you: marie Gods
 bleffing on their heart that fette fuche a brouche on my
 cappe.

 Ba. Well, looke well about you: a man would thinke
20 it were inough for you fecretly to reioyce, that by my helpe
 you haue paffed fo many pleafant nightes together: and yet
 by my trouth I do it more than halfe agaynft my will, for
 I would rather you had fetled your fanfie in fome noble fa-
 milie yea and it is no fmall grieffe vnto me, that (reiecting
25 the fuites of fo many nobles and gentlemen) you haue cho-
 fen for your darling a poore feruaunt of your fathers, by
 whome fhame and infamie is the beft dower you can looke
 for to attayne.

 Po. And I pray you whome may I thanke but gentle
30 nourfe? that continually prayfing him, what for his per-
 fonage, his curtefie, and aboue all, the extreme paffions of

his minde, in fine you would neuer ceafe till I accepted him, delighted in him, and at length defired him with no leffe affection, than he earft defired me.

35 Ba. I can not denie, but at the beginning I did recom-
mende him vnto you (as in déede I may fay that for my
felfe I haue a pitiful heart) féeing the depth of his vnbridled
affection, and that continually he neuer ceaffed to fill mine
eares with lamentable complaynts.

40 Po. Nay rather that he filled your purffe with bribes
and rewards, Nourfe.

Ba. Well you may iudge of Nourfe as you lifte. In
dæde I haue thought it alwayes a déede of charitie to helpe
the miserable yong men, whofe tender youth confumeth
45 with the furious flames of loue. But be you fure if I had
thought you would haue paffed to the termes you nowe ftand
in, pitie nor pencion, peny nor pater nofter fhoulde euer
haue made Nurfe once to open hir mouth in the caufe.

Po. No of honeftie, I pray you, who firft brought him
50 into my chamber? who firft taught him the way to my bed
but you? fie Nourfe fie, neuer fpeake of it for fhame, you
will make me tell a wife tale anone.

Ba. And haue I thefe thanks for my good wil? why then
I fee wel I fhall be counted the caufe of all mifhappe.

55 Po. Nay rather the author of my good happe (gentle
Nourfe) for I would thou kneweft I loue not Dulipo,
nor any of fo meane eftate, but haue beftowed my loue
more worthily than thou déemeft: but I will fay no more
at this time.

60 Ba. Then I am glad you haue changed your minde yet.

Po. Nay I neither haue changed, nor will change it.

Ba. Then I vnderftande you not, how fayde you?

Po. Mary I fay that I loue not Dulipo, nor any
fuche as he, and yet I neither haue changed nor wil change
65 my minde.

Ba. I can not tell, you loue to lye with Dulipo very

well: this geare is Gréeke to me: either it hangs not well together, or I am very dull of vnderftanding: fpeake plaine I pray you.

70 Po. I can fpeake no plainer, I haue fworne to ye contrary.
Ba. Howe? make you fo deintie to tell it Nourfe, leaft fhe fhoulde reueale it? you haue trusted me as farre as may be, (I may fhewe to you) in things that touche your honor if they were knowne: and make you ftrange to tell
75 me this? I am fure it is but a trifle in comparifon of thofe things wherof heretofore you haue made me priuie.

Po. Well, it is of greater importance than you thinke Nourfe: yet would I tell it you vnder condition and promife that you fhall not tell it agayne, nor giue any figne or
80 token to be fufpected that you know it.

Ba. I promife you of my honeftie, fay on.

Po. Well heare you me then: this yong man whome you haue alwayes taken for Dulipo, is a noble borne *Sicilian*, his right name Erofrato, fonne to Philogano, one of the wor-
85 thieft men in that countrey.

Ba. How Erofrato? is it not our neighbour, whiche?

Po. Holde thy talking nourfe, and harken to me, that I may explaine the whole cafe vnto thee. The man whome to this day you haue fuppofed to be Dulipo, is (as I fay) Ero-
90 frato, a gentleman that came from *Sicilia* to ftudie in this Citie, & euen at his firft arriuall met me in the ftréet, fel enamored of me, & of fuche vehement force were the paffions he fuffred, that immediatly he caft afide both long gowne and bookes, & determined on me only to apply his ftudy. And
95 to the end he might the more cōmodioufly bothe fee me and talke with me, he exchanged both name, habite, clothes and credite with his feruāt Dulipo (whom only he brought with him out of *Sicilia*) and fo with the turning of a hand, of Ero-
frato a gentleman, he became Dulipo a feruing man, and
100 foone after fought feruice of my father, and obteyned it.

Ba. Are you fure of this?

The firft fup-
pofe & grownd
of all the fuppo-
fes

105 Po. Yea out of doubt: on the other fide Dulippo tooke
vppon him the name of Eroftrato his maifter, the habite,
the credite, bookes, and all things néedefull to a ftudente,
and in fhorte fpace profited very muche, and is nowe eftée-
med as you fée.

Ba. Are there no other *Sicylians* héere: nor none that paffe
this way, which may difcouer them?

110 Po. Very fewe that paffe this way, and fewe or none
that tarrie héere any time.

Ba. This hath été a ftraunge aduventure: but I pray
you howe hang thefe thinges together? that the ftudente
whome you fay to be the feruant, and not the maifter, is
become an earneft futer to you, and requireth you of your
115 father in mariage?

Po. That is a pollicie deuifed betwéene them, to put
Doctor Dotipole out of conceite: the olde dotarde, he that
fo instantly dothe lye vpon my father for me. But looke
where he comes, as God helpe me it is he, out vpon him,
120 what a lufkie yonker is this? yet I had rather be a Noone
a thoufande times, than be combred with fuche a Coyftrell.

Ba. Daughter you haue reafon, but let vs go in before he
come any néerer.

125 Polynefta goeth in, and Balya ftayeth a little vvhyle
after, fpeaking a vvorde or tvvo to the doctor, and
then departeth.

Scena. 2.

CLEANDER, Doctor. PASIPHILLO, Parafite.

BALYA, Nourfe.

W Ere thefe dames héere, or did mine eyes dazil?

Pa. Nay fyr héere were Polynefta and hir nourfe.

Cle. Was my Polynefta héere? alas I knewe hir not.

Ba. He muft haue better eyefight that fhoulde marry

5 your Polynefta, or elfe he may chaunce to ouerfée the beft
poynt in his tables fometimes.

Pa. Syr it is no maruell, the ayre is very miftie too
day: I my felfe knew hir better by hir apparell than by
hir face.

10 Cle. In good fayth and I thanke God I haue mine eye
fighte good and perfit, little worfe than when I was but
twentie yeres olde.

Pa. How can it be otherwife? you are but yong.

Cle. I am fiftie yeres olde.

15 Pa. He telles ten leffe than he is.

Cle. What fayft thou of ten leffe?

Pa. I fay I woulde haue thoughte you tenne leffe, you
looke like one of fixe and thirtie, or feuen and thirtie at
the moſte.

20 Cle. I am no leffe than I tell.

Pa. You are like inough too liue fiftie more: fhewe me
your hande.

Cle. Why is Pafiphilo a Chiromancer?

25 Pa. What is not Pafiphilo? I pray you fhewe mee it
a little.

Cle Here it is.

Pa. O how ſtraight and infracte is this line of life? you
will liue to the yéeres of Melchifedech.

Cle. Thou wouldeſt fay, Methufalem.

30 Pa. Why is it not all one?

Cle. I perceiue you are no very good Bibler Pafiphilo.

Pa. Yes fir an excellent good Bibbeler, ſpecially in a bot-
tle: Oh what a mounte of Venus here is? but this lighte
ferueth not very well, I will beholde it an other day, when
35 the ayre is clearer, and tell you fomewhat, peraduenture
to your contentation.

Cle. You ſhal do me great pleaſure: but tell me, I pray
thée Pafiphilo, whome doſte thou thinke Polynefta liketh
better, Eroſtrato or me?

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Pa. Why? you out of doubt: She is a gentlewoman of a noble minde, and maketh greater accompte of the reputation ſhe ſhall haue in marrying your worſhip, than that poore ſcholer, whoſe birthe and parentage God knoweth, and very fewe elſe.

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Cle. Yet he taketh it vpon him brauely in this countrey.

Pa. Yea, where no man knoweth the contrarie: but let him braue it, boſt his birth, and do what he can, the vertue and knowledge that is within this body of yours, is worth more than all the countrey he came from.

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Cle. It becommeth not a man to praife him ſelfe: but in déede I may ſay, (and ſay truely,) that my knowledge hath ſtoode me in better ſteade at a pinche, than coulde all the goodes in the worlde. I came out of *Otranto* when the Turkes wonne it, and firſt I came to *Padua*, after hither, where by reading, counſailing, and pleading, within twentie yeares. I haue gathered and gayned as good as ten thouſande Ducats.

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Pa. Yea mary, this is the righte knowledge: Philoſophie, Poetrie, Logike, and all the reſt, are but pickling ſciences in comparifon to this.

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Cle. But pyckling in déede, whereof we haue a verſe: The trade of Lavve doth fill the boyſtrous bagges, They ſvvimme in filke, vvhen others royft in ragges.

Pa. O excellent verſe, who made it? Virgil?

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Cle. Virgil? tuſhe it is written in one of our gloſes.

Pa. Sure who foeuer wrote it, the morall is excellent, and worthy to be written in letters of golde. But too the purpoſe: I thinke you ſhall neuer recouer the wealth that you loſte at *Otranto*.

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Cle. I thinke I haue dumbled it, or rather made it foure times as muche: but in déed, I loſt mine only ſonne there, a childe of five yeres olde.

Pa. O great pitie.

Cle. Yea, I had rather haue loſt al the goods in y^e world.

An other ſuppoſe

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Pa. Alas, alas: by God and grafts of fuche a ftocke are very gayfon in thefe dayes.

Cle. I know not whether he were flayne, or the Turks toke him and kept him as a bond flaue.

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Pa. Alas, I could weepe for compaffion, but there is no remedy but patience, you fhall get many by this yong dam-fell with the grace of God.

Cle. Yea, if I get hir.

Pa. Get hir? why doubt you of that?

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Cle. Why? hir father holds me off with delayes, fo that I muft needes doubt.

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Pa. Content your felfe fir, he is a wife man, and defirous to place his Daughter well: he will not be too rafhe in hys determination, he will thinke well of the matter: and lette him thinke, for the longer he thinketh, the more good of you fhall he thinke: whose welth? whose vertue? whose fkill? or whose eftimation can he compare to yours in this Citie?

Cle. And haft thou not tolde him that I would make his Daughter a dower of two thoufand Ducates?

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Pa. Why, euen now, I came but fr/m thence fince.

Cle. What faid he?

Pa. Nothing, but that Erofrato had profered the like.

Cle. Erofrato? how can he make any dower, and his father yet aliue?

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Pa. Thinke you I did not tell him fo? yes I warrāt you, I forgot nothing that may funder your caufe: & doubte you not, Erofrato fhall neuer haue hir vnleffe it be in a dreame.

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Cle. Well gentle Pafiphilo, go thy wayes and tell Damon I require nothing but his daughter: I wil none of his goods: I fhall enrich hir of mine owne: & if this dower of two thoufand Ducates feem not fufficiēt, I wil make it fiue hundred more, yea a thoufand, or what fo euer he wil demaūd rather thē faile: go to Pafiphilo, fhew thy felfe frēdly in working this feate for me: fpare for no coft, fince I haue gone thus farre, I wilbe loth to be out bidden. Go.

- 110 Pa. Where fhall I come to you againe?
 Cle. At my houfe.
 Pa. When?
 Cle. When thou wilt.
 Pa. Shall I come at dinner time?
 115 Cle. I would byd thée to dinner, but it is a Saints euen
 which I haue euer fafted.
 Pa. Faſte till thou famiſhe.
 Cle. Harke.
 Pa. He ſpeaketh of a dead mans faſte.
 120 Cle. Thou heareſt me not.
 Pa. Nor thou vnderſtandeſt me not.
 Cle. I dare ſay thou art angrie I byd the not to dinner:
 but come if thou wilt, thou ſhalt take ſuch as thou findeſt.
 Pa. What? think you I know not where to dine?
 125 Cle. Yes Paſiphilo thou art not to ſeeke.
 Pa. No be you ſure, there are enowe will pray me.
 Cle. That I knowe well enough Paſiphilo, but thou
 canſt not be better welcome in any place than to me, I will
 tarrie for thee.
 130 Pa. Well, ſince you will néedes, I will come.
 Cle. Diſpatche then, and bring no newes but good.
 Pa. Better than my rewarde by the rood.
Cleander exit, Paſiphilo reſtat.

Scena. iij.

PASIPHILLO.

DVLIPO.

- O Miſerable couetous wretche, he findeth an excuſe by
 S. Nicolas faſt, bicauſe I ſhould not dine with him,
 as though I ſhould dine at his owne diſhe: he maketh good-
 ly feaſts I promiſe you, it is no wonder though hée thinke
 5 me bounde vnto him for my fare: for ouer and beſides that
 his prouiſion is as ſcant as may be, yet there is great diffe-

10 betwéene his diet and mine. I neuer fo much as flippe
 of the wine that he tafteth, I féede at the bordes ende with
 browne bread: Marie I reach always to his owne difhe, for
 there are no more but that only on the table. Yet he thinks
 that for one fuch dinner I am bound to do him al the feruice
 that I can, and thinks me fufficiently rewarded for all my
 15 trauell, with one fuche feftiuall promotion. And yet perad-
 uenture fome men thinke I haue great gaines vnder him:
 but I may fay and fweare, that this dofen yéere I haue not
 gayned fo muche in value as the points at my hofe (whiche
 are but thrée with codpéece poynt and al): he thinkes that I
 may féede vpon his fauour and faire wordes: but if I could
 not otherwife prouide for one, Pafiphilo were in a wyfe
 20 cafe. Pafiphilo hath mo paftures to paffe in than one, I war-
 rant you: I am of houfholde with this fcholer Erofrato,
 (his riuale) as well as with Domine Cleander: nowe with
 the one, and then with the other, according as I fée their
 Caters prouide good chéere at the market: and I finde the
 25 meanes fo to handle the matter, that I am welcome too
 bothe. If the one fée me talke with the other, I make him
 beleue it is to harken newes in the furtherance of his
 caufe: and thus I become a broker on bothe fides. Well,
 lette them bothe apply the matter as well as they can, for
 30 in déede I will trauell for none of them bothe: yet will I
 féeme to worke wonders on eche hande. But is not this one
 of Damons feruants that commeth foorth? it is: of him I
 fhall vnderftand where his mafter is. Whither goeth this
 ioyly gallant?

35 Du. I come to féeke fome body that may accompany my
 Mafter at dinner, he is alone, and woulde fayne haue good
 company.

Pa. Séeke no further, you coulde neuer haue found one
 better than me.

40 Du. I haue no commiffion to bring fo many.

Pa. How many? I will come alone.

40 Du. How canft thou come alone, that haft continually a
legion of rauening wolues within thee?

Pa. Thou doeft (as feruants commonly doe) hate al that
loue to vifite their maifters.

Du. And why?

45 Pa. Bicaufe they haue too many téeth as you thinke.

Du. Nay bicaufe they haue too many tongues. (you?

Pa. Tōgues? I pray you what did my tōgue euer hurt

Du. I ſpeake but merily with you Paſiphilo, goe in, my
maifter is ready to dine.

50 Pa. What? dineth he ſo earely?

Du. He that riſeth early, dineth early.

Pa. I would I were his man, maifter doctor neuer di-
neth till noone, and how dilicately then God knoweth. I wil
he bolde to goe in, for I count my ſelfe bidden.

55 Du. You were beſt ſo. Paſiphilo intrat. Dul. reſtat.

Hard hap had I when I firſt began this vnfortunate en-
terpriſe: for I ſuppofed the readieſt medicine to my miſera-
ble affects had bene to change name, clothes, & credite with
my ſeruant, & to place my ſelfe in Damons ſeruice: thinking
60 that as ſheuering colde by glowing fire, thurſt by drinke,
hunger by pleaſant repaſts, and a thouſande ſuche like paſ-
ſions finde remedie by their contraries, ſo my reſt leſſe deſire
might haue founde quiet by continuall contemplation. But
alas, I find that only loue is vnſaciabie: for as the flie play-
65 eth with the flame till at laſt ſhe is cauſe of hir owne decay,
ſo the louer that thinketh with kiſſing and colling to con-
tent his vnbrideled appetite, is cōmonly ſeene the only cauſe
of his owne conſumption. Two yeeres are nowe paſt ſince
(under the colour of Damons ſeruice) I haue bene a ſworne
70 ſeruant to Cupid: of whom I haue receiued as much fauour
& grace as euer man founde in his ſeruice. I haue free liber-
tie at al times to behold my deſired, to talke with hir, to em-
brace hir, yea (be it ſpoken in ſecrete) to lie with hir. I reape
the fruites of my deſire: yet as my ioyes abounde, euen ſo

75 my paines encrease. I fare like the couetous man, that ha-
 uing all the world at will, is neuer yet content: the more I
 haue, the more I defire. Alas, what wretched eftate haue I
 brought my felfe vnto, if in the ende of all my farre fetches,
 80 ſhe be giuen by hir father to this olde doting doctor, this bu-
 zard, this bribing villaine, that by ſo many meanes ſeeketh
 to obtain hir at hir fathers hāds? I know ſhe loueth me beſt
 of all others, but what may that preuaile when perforce ſhe
 ſhalbe cōſtrained to marie another? Alas, the pleaſant taſt
 of my fugred ioyes doth yet remaine ſo perfect in my remē-
 85 brance, that the leaſt ſoppe of ſorow ſéemeth more ſoure thā
 gal in my mouth. If I had neuer knowen delight, with bet-
 ter contentatiō might I haue paſſed theſe dreadful dolours.
 And if this olde Mumpſimus (whom the pockes confume)
 ſhould win hir, then may I ſay, farewell the pleaſant talke,
 90 the kind embracings, yea farewell the ſight of my Polyneſtat
 for he like a ielouſe wretch will pen hir vp, that I thinke
 the birdes of the aire ſhall not winne the fighte of hir. I ho-
 ped to haue caſte a blocke in his waie, by the meanes that
 my ſeruauant (who is ſuppoſed to be Eroſtrato, and with my
 95 habite and credite is wel eſtéemed) ſhould proffer himſelf a
 futer, at the leaſt to counteruaile the doctors proffers. But
 my maiſter knowing the wealth of the one, and doubting
 the ſtate of the other, is determined to be fed no longer with
 faire wordes, but to accept the doctor, (whom he right well
 100 knoweth) for his ſonne in law. Wel, my ſeruant promiſed
 me yeſterday to deuife yet againe ſome newe conſpiracie to
 driue maiſter doctor out of conceite, and to laye a ſnare that
 the foxe himſelfe might be caughte in: what it is, I knowe
 not, nor I ſaw him not ſince he went about it: I will goe ſée
 105 if he be within, that at leaſt if he helpe me not, be maye yet
 prolong my life for this once. But here commeth his lackie:
 ho lack pack, where is Eroſtrato?

Here muſt Crapine be comming in with a baſket and a
 ſticke in his hand.

Scena. iiij.

CRAPINO the Lackie. DVLIPO.

E Erofrato? mary he is in his fkinne.

Du. Ah hoorefon boy, I fay, howe fhall I finde Erofrato?

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Cra. Finde him? howe meane you, by the wéeke or by the yéere?

Du. You cracke halter, if I catche you by the eares, I fhall make you anfwere me directly.

Cra. In déede?

Du. Tarry me a little.

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Cra. In faith fir I haue no leifure.

Du. Shall we trie who can runne fafteft?

Cra. Your legges be longer than mine, you fhould haue giuen me the aduauntage.

Du. Go to, tell me where is Erofrato?

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Cra. I left him in the ftréete, where he gaue me this Casket, (this basket I would haue fayde) and had me beare it to Dalio, and returne to him at the Dukes Palace.

Du. If thou fee him, tell him I muft needes fpeake with him immediatly: or abide awhyle, I will go feeke him my felfe, rather than he fufpected by going to his houle.

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Crapino departeth, and Dulipo alfo: after Dulipo cometh in agayne seeking Erofrato.

Finis Actus. 1.

Actus. ij.

Scena. j.

DVLIPO. EROSTRATO.

I Thinke if I had as many eyes as Argus, I coulde not haue fought a man more narrowly in euery ftréete and euery by lane, there are not many Gentlemen, fcholars,

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nor Marchauntes in the Citie of Ferara, but I haue mette
with them, excepte him: peraduenture hée is come home an
other way: but looke where he commeth at the laft.

Ero. In good time haue I fpied my good maifter.

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Du. For the loue of God call me Dulipo (not mafter,) maintayne the credite that thou hafte hitherto kepthe, and let me alone.

Ero. Yet fir let me fometimes do my duetie vnto you, efpecially where no body heareth.

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Du. Yea, but fo long the Parat vfeth to crie knappe in fporte, that at the laft fhe calleth hir maifter knaue in earneft: fo long you will vfe to call me mafter, that at the laft we fhall be heard. What newes?

Ero. Good.

Du. In déede?

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Ero. Yea excellent, we haue as good as won the wager.

Du. Oh, how happie were I if this were true?

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Ero. Heare you me, yefternight in the euening I walked out, and founde Pafiphilo, and with fmall entreating I had him home to fupper, where by fuche meanes as I vfed, he became my great friend, and tolde me the whole order of our aduerfaries determination: yea and what Damon doth intende to do alfo, and hath promifed me that frō time to time, what he can efpie he will bring me word of it.

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Du. I can not tel whether you know him or no, he if not to truſt vnto, a very flattering and a lying knaue.

Ero. I know him very well, he can not deceiue me: and this that he hath told me I know muſt néedes be true.

Du. And what was it in effect?

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Ero. That Damon had purpoſed to giue hif daughter in mariage to thif doctor, vpō the dower that he hath profered.

Du. Are theſe your good newes? your excellent newes?

Ero. ftay a whyle, you will vnderftande me before you heare me.

Du. Well, fay on.

Another fuppoſe

40 Ero. I answered to that, I was ready to make hir the
lyke dower.

Du. Well fayde.

Ero. Abide, you heare not the worft yet.

Du. O God, is there any worffe behinde?

45 Ero. Worffe? why what affurance coulde you fuppofe
that I might make without fome fpeciall confent from Phi-
logano my father?

Du. Nay you can tell, you are better fcholer than I.

Ero. In deede you haue loft your time: for the books that
you toffe now a dayes, treat of fmal fcience.

50 Du. Leaue thy iefting, and procéede.

Ero. I fayd further, that I receyued letters lately from
my father, whereby I vnderftoode that he woulde be heere
very fhortly to performe all that I had profered: therefore I
required him to request Damon on my behalf, that he would
55 ftay his promife to the doctor for a fourtnight or more.

Du. This is fomewhat yet, for by this meanes I fhall be
fure to linger and liue in hope one fourtnight longer: but,
at the fourthnights ende when Philogano commeth not,
how fhall I then do? yea and though he came, howe may
60 I any way hope of his confent, when he fhall fee, that to fol-
low this amorous enterprife, I haue fet afide all ftudie, all
remembraunce of my duetie, and all dread of fhame. Alas,
alas, I may go hang my felfe.

Ero. Comforte your felfe man, and truft in me: there is
a flauie for euery fore, and doubt you not, to this mifcheefe
65 we fhall finde a remedie.

Du. O friend reuiue me, that hitherto fince I firft at-
tempted this matter haue bene continually dying.

70 Ero. Well harken a while then: this morning I tooke
my horfe and rode into the fieldes to folace my felf, and as
I paffed the foorde beyonde S. Anthonies gate, I met at the
foote of the hill a gentleman riding with two or thrée men:
and as me thought by his habite and his lookes, he fhould be

75 none of the wifeft. He faluted me, and I him: I afked him
from whence he came, and whither he would? he answered
that he had come from *Venice*, then from *Padua*, nowe
was going to *Ferrara*, and fo to his countrey, whiche is
Scienna: As foone as I knewe him to be a *Scenefe*, fodenly
80 lifting vp mine eyes, (as it were with an admiration) I fayd
vnto him, are you a *Scenefe*, and come to *Farrara*? why not,
fayde he: quoth I (, halfe and more with a trembling voyce)
know you the daunger that fhould enfue if you be knowne
in *Ferrara* to be a *Scenefe*? he more than halfe amafed, de-
fired me earnestly to tell him what I ment.

85 Du. I vnderftande not wherto this tendeth.

Ero. I beléeue you: but harken to me.

Du. Go too then.

Ero. I answered him in this forte: Gentleman, bycaufe
I haue heretofore founde very curteous entertaynement
90 in your countrey, (beeing a ftudēt there,) I accompt my felf
as it were bounde to a *Scenefe*: and therefore if I knewe of
any mishappe towards any of that countrey, God forbid but
I fhould difclofe it: and I maruell that you knewe not of
the iniurie that your countreyemen offered this other day to
95 the Embaffadours of Counte Hercules.

Du. What tales he telleth me: what appertayne thefe
to me?

Ero. If you will harken a whyle, you fhall finde them
no tales but that they appertayne to you more than you
100 thinke for.

Du. Foorth.

Ero. I tolde him further, thefe Ambaffadoures of
Counte Hercules had dyuers Mules, Waggon, and Cha-
rettes, ladē with diuers coftly iewels, gorgeous furniture,
105 & other things which they caried as presents, (paffing that
way) to the king of *Naples*: the which were not only ftayd in
Sciene by the officers whom you cal Cuftomers, but ferched,
ranfacked, toffed & turned, & in the end exacted for tribute, as

if they had bene the goods of a meane marchaunt.

110 Du. Whither the diuell wil he? is it poffible that this
geare appertaine any thing to my caufe? I finde neither
head nor foote in it.

Ero. O how impaciēt you are: I pray you ftay a while.

Du. Go to yet a while then.

115 Ero. I procéded, that vpon thefe cafes the Duke fent
his Chauncelor to declare the cafe vnto the Senate there,
of whome he had the moſte vncurteous anfwere that euer
was heard: whervpon he was fo enraged with all of that
countray, that for reuenge he had ſworne to ſpoyle as many
120 of them as euer ſhould come to *Ferara*, and to fende them
home in their dublet and their hofe.

Du. And I pray thee how couldeſt thou vpon the fud-
den deuife or imagine fuche a lye? and to what purpoſe?

125 Ero. You ſhall heare by and by a thing as fitte for our
purpoſe, as any could haue happened.

Du. I would fayne heare you conclude.

Ero. You would fayne leape ouer the ſtile, before you
come at the hedge: I woulde you had heard me, and ſeene
the geſtures that I enforced to make him beléeue this.

130 Du. I beléeue you, for I knowe you can counterfet wel.

Ero. Further I ſayde, the duke had charged vpon great
penalties, that the Inholders and vitlers ſhoulde bring
worde dayly of as many Scenefes as came to their houſes.
The gentleman béeing (as I geſſed at the firſt) a mā of ſmal
135 *fapientia*, when he heard theſe newes, would haue turned
his horſe an other way.

Du. By likelyhoode he was not very wife when hée
would beleue that of his countray, which if it had bene true
euery man muſt néedes haue knowen it.

140 Ero. Why not? when he had not béene in his countray
for a moneth paſte, and I tolde him this had hapned within
theſe feuen dayes.

Du. Belike he was of ſmall experience.

145 Ero. I thinke, of as litle as may be: but beſte of all for
our purpoſe, and good aduenture it was, that I mette with
ſuch an one. Now harken I pray you.

Du. Make an ende I pray thée.

150 Ero. He, as I ſay, when he hard theſe words, would haue
turned the bridle: and I fayning a countenance as though
I were ſomewhat penſiue and carefull for him, pauſed a
while, & after with a great ſighe faide to him: Gentleman,
for the curteſie that (as I ſaid) I haue found in your coun-
trey, & bicauſe your affaires ſhall be the better diſpatched,
155 I will finde the meanes to lodge you in my houſe, and you
ſhal ſay to euery mā, that you are a *Sicilian* of *Cathanea*, your
name Philogano, father to me that am in déede of that coun-
trey and citie, called here Eroſtrato. And I (to pleaſure you)
will (during your abode here) do you reuerence as you were
my father.

160 Du. Out vpon me, what a groſſe hedded foole am I? now
I perceiue whereto this tale tendeth.

Ero. Well, and how like you of it?

Du. Indifferently, but one thing I doubt.

Ero. What is that?

165 Du. Marie, that when he hath bene here twoo or thrée
dayes, he ſhal heare of euery man that there is no ſuch thing
betwene the Duke and the Towne of *Sciene*.

170 Ero. As for that let me alone, I doe entertaine and will
entertaine him ſo well, that within theſe two or thrée daies
I will diſcloſe vnto him all the whole matter, and doubt
not but to bring him in for performance of as muche as I
haue promiſed to Damon: for what hurte can it be to him,
when he ſhal binde a ſtrange name and not his owne?

175 Du. What, thinke you he will be entreated to ſtande
bounde for a dower of two thouſand Ducates by the yéere?

Ero. Yea why not, (if it were ten thouſande) as long as
he is not in déede the man that is bound?

Du. Well, if it be ſo, what ſhall we be the néerer to our

purpofe?

180 Ero. Why? when we haue done as muche as we can,
how can we doe any more?

Du. And where haue you left him?

Ero. At the Inne, bicaufe of his horfes: he and his men
fhall lie in my houfe.

185 Du. Why brought you him not with you?

Ero. I thought better to vse your aduife firft.

Du. Well, goe take him home, make him all the chéere
you can, spare for no coft, I will alowe it.

Ero. Content, looke where he commeth.

190 Du. Is this he? goe méete him, by my trouthe he lookes
euen lyke a good foule, he that fifheth for him, mighte bee
fure to catche a cods heade: I will reft here a while to dif-
ciphher him.

195 Erotrato efpieth the Scenefe and goeth towards him:
Dulipo ftandeth afide.

Scena. ij.

The SCENESE. PAQVETTO & PETRVCIO his feruāts.
EROSTRATO.

H E that trauaileth in this worlde paffeth by many pe-
rilles.

5 Pa. You faye true fir, if the boate had bene a little more
laden this morning at the ferrie, wée had bene all drowned,
for I thinke, there are none of vs that could haue fwomme.

Sc. I fpeake not of that.

Pa. O you meane the foule waye that we had fince wée
came from this Padua, I promife you, I was afraide twice
or thrice, that your mule would haue lien faft in the mire.

10 Sc. Iefu, what a blockehead thou art, I fpeake of the pe-
rill we are in prefently fince we came into this citie.

Pa. A great peril I promife you, that we were no fooner

An other fu-
pofe.

ariued, but you founde a frende that brought you from the
Inne, and lodged you in his owne houle.

15 Sc. Yea marie, God rewarde the gentle yong man that
we mette, for elfe we had bene in a wife cafe by this time.
But haue done with thefe tales, and take you héede, & you
alfo firra, take héede that none of you faie we be *Scenefes*,
and

A dottilh fu-
pofe.

20 remember that you call me Philogano of Cathanca.

Pa. Sure I fhall neuer remember thefe outlādifh words,
I could well remember *Haccanea*.

Sc. I fay, *Cathanea*, and not *Haecanea*, with a vengeance.

Pa. Let another name it then when néede is, for I fhall
25 neuer remember it.

Sc. Then holde thy peace, and take héede thou name not
Scene.

Pa. Howe fay you, if I faine my felfe dum as I did once
in the houle of Crifobolus?

30 Sc. Doe as thou thinkeft beft: but looke where commeth
the gentleman whom we are fo much bounde vnto.

Ero. Welcome, my deare father Philogano.

Sc. Gramercie my good fonne Erotrato.

Ero. That is well faide, be mindefull of your tounge, for
35 thefe *Ferarefes* be as craftie as the Deuill of hell.

Sc. No, no, be you fure we will doe as you haue bidden
vs.

Ero. For if you fhould name *Scene* they would fpoile you
immediatly, and turne you out of the towne, with more
40 flame, than I woulde fhoulde befall you for a thoufande
Crownes.

Sc. I warant you, I was giuing thē warning as I came
to you, and I doubt not but they will take good héede.

Ero. Yea and truſt not the feruauntes of my houſholde
45 to far, for they are *Ferarefes* all, and neuer knew my father,
nor came neuer in *Sicilia*: this is my houle, will it please
you to goe in? I will follow.

They goe in.

Dulipo tarieth and efpieth the Doctor comming in with his man.

Scena. iij.

DVLIP O alone.

T His geare hath had no euill beginning, if it continue fo
and fall to happie ende. But is not this the filly Doctor
with the fide bonet, the doting foole, that dare prefume to
become a futer to fuch a pérleffe Paragone? O how coue-
5 toufneffe doth blind the common fort of men. Damon more
defirous of the dower, than mindfull of his gentle & gallant
daughter, hath determined to make him his Sonne in law,
who for his age may be his father in law: and hath greater
respect to the abundance of goods, than to his owne naturall
10 childe. He beareth well in minde to fill his owne purfe, but
he litle remembreth that his daughters purfe fhall be con-
tinually emptie, vnleffe Maifter Doctour fill it with double
ducke egges. Alas: I ieft and haue no ioy, I will ftand here
afide and laugh a litle at this lobcocke.

15 Dulippo efpieth the Doctor and his man comming.

Scena. iiij.

CARION the doctors man. CLEANDER. DVLIP O.

M Aifter, what the Diuel meane you to goe féeke gueftes
at this time of the day? the Maiors officers haue dined
ere this time, which are alway the laft in the market.

Cle. I come to féeke Pafiphilo, to the ende he may dine
5 with mee.

Ca. As though fixe mouthes and the cat for the feuenth,
bée not fufficient to eate an harlotrie fhottrell, a pennie-
worth of cheefe, and halfe a fcore fpurlings: this is all the
dainties you haue drefsed for you and your familie.

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Cle. Ah gréedie gut, art thou afearde thou fhalt want?

Ca. I am afearde in déede, it is not the firft time I haue founde it fo.

Du. Shall I make fome fporte with this gallant? what fhall I fay to him?

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Cle. Thou arte afearde belike that he will eate thée and the reft.

Ca. Nay, rather that he will eate your mule, both heare and hyde.

Cle. Heare and hyde? and why not flefh and all?

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Ca. Bicaufe fhe hath none. If fhe had any flefh, I thinke you had eaten hir your felfe by this time.

Cle. She may thanke you then, for your good attendāce.

Ca. Nay fhe may thanke you for your fmall allowance.

Du. In faith now let me alone.

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Cle. Holde thy peace drunken knaue, and efpie me Pafiphilo.

Du. Since I can doe no better, I will fet fuch a ftaunce betwéene him and Pafiphilo, that all this towne fhall not make them friendes.

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Ca. Could you not haue fent to féeke him, but you muft come your felfe? furely you come for fome other purpofe, for if you would haue had Pafiphilo to dinner, I warant you he would haue taried here an houre fince.

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Cle. Holde thy peace, here is one of Damons feruaunts, of him I fhall vnderftand where he is: good fellow art not thou one of Damons feruaunts?

An other fup-
pofe.

Du. Yes fir, at your knamandement.

Cle. Gramercie, tell me then, hath Pafiphilo bene there this day or no?

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Du. Yes fir, and I thinke he be there ftill, ah,ah,ah.

Cle. What laugheft thou?

Du. At a thing, that euery man may not laugh at.

Cle. What?

Du. Talke, that Pafiphilo had with my mafter this day.

- 45 Cle. What talke I pray thée?
 Du. I may not tell it.
 Cle. Doth it concerne me?
 Du. Nay I will fay nothing.
 Cle. Tell me.
- 50 Du. I can fay no more.
 Cle. I woulde but knowe if it concerne mée, I pray thée
 tell mée.
 Du. I would tell you, if I were fure you would not tell it
 againe.
- 55 Cle. Beleue me I will kepe it clofe: Carion giue vs leaue
 a litle, goe afide.
 Du. If my maifter fhoulde know that it came by me, I
 were better die a thoufand deaths.
 Cle. He fhall neuer know it, fay on.
- 60 Du. Yea, but what affurance fhall I haue?
 Cle. I lay thée my faith and honeftie in paune.
 Du. A pretie paune, the fulkers will not lend you a far-
 thing on it.
 Cle. Yea, but amongft honeft mē it is more worth than
 golde.
- 65 Du. Yea marie fir, but where be they? but will you
 néedes haue me tell it vnto you?
 Cle. Yea I pray thée if it any thing appertaine to me.
 Du. Yes it is of you, and I would gladly tell it you, bi-
 caufe I would not haue fuche a man of worfhip fo fcorned
 by a villaine ribaulde.
- 70 Cle. I pray thée tell me then.
 Du. I will tell you fo that you will fweare neuer to tell
 it to Pafiphilo, to my maifter, nor to any other bodie.
- 75 Ca. Surely it is fome toye deuifed to get fome money of
 him.
 Cle. I thinke I haue a booke here.
 Ca. If he knew him as well as I, he woulde neuer goe
 aboute it, for he may as foone get one of his téeth from his

80 iawes with a paire of pinchers, as a pennie out of his purfe
with fuch a conceite.

Cle. Here is a letter wil ferue the turne: I fweare to thée
by the contents hereof neuer to difclofe it to any man.

85 Du. I will tell you, I am forie to fee how Pafiphilo doth
abufe you, perfwading you that alwayes he laboureth for
you, where in déede, he lieth on my maifter continually, as
it were with tooth and naile for a ftraunger, a fcholer, borne
in *Sicilia* they call him Rofcus or arfkiffe, he hathe a madde
name I can neuer hit vpon it.

90 Cle. And thou reckneft it as madly: is it not Eroftrato?

Du. That fame I fhould neuer haue remembred it: and
the villany fpeaketh al the euill of you that can be deuifed.

Cle. To whom?

95 Du. To my maifter, yea and to Polynefta hirlfelfe fome-
times.

Cle. Is it poffible, Ah flaue, and what faith he?

Du. More euill than I can imagine: that you are the mi-
ferableft and moft nigardly man that euer was.

Cle. Sayeth Pafiphilo fo by me?

100 Du. And that as often as he commeth to your houle, he is
like to die for hunger, you fare fo well.

Cle. That the Deuill take him elfe.

105 Du. And that you are the teftieft man, & moft diuers to
pleafe in the whole worlde, fo that he cannot pleafe you vn-
leffe he fhould euen kill himfelfe with continuall paine.

Cle. O deuilifh tong.

Du. Furthermore, that you cough continually and fpit,
fo that a dogge cannot abide it.

110 Cle. I neuer fpitte nor coughe more than thus, vho, vho,
and that but fince I caughte this murre, but who is free
from it?

Du. You faye true sir, yet further he sayth, your arme
holef ftincke, your féeete worse than they, and your breathe
worft of all.

- 115 Cle. If I quite him not for this geare.
 Du. And that you are burften in the cods.
 Cle. O villaine, he lieth, and if I were not in the ftréete
 thou fhouldeft fée them.
- 120 Du. And he faith, that you defire this yong gentle wo-
 man, as much for other mens pleafure as for your owne.
 Cle. What meaneth he by that?
 Du. Peraduenture that by hir beautie, you woulde en-
 tice many yong men to your houfe.
- 125 Cle. Yong men? to what purpofe?
 Du. Nay, geffe you that.
 Cle. Is it poffible that Pafiphilo fpeaketh thus of me?
 Du. Yea, and much more.
 Cle. And doth Damon beléeue him?
- 130 Du. Yea, more than you would thinke: in fuch fort, that
 long ere this, he woulde haue giuen you a flat repulfe, but
 Pafiphilo intreated him to continue you a futer for his ad-
 uantage.
- Cle. How for his aduantage?
 Du. Marie, that during your fute he might ftill haue
 135 fome rewarde for his great paines.
- Cle. He fhall haue a rope, and yet that is more than he
 deferueth: I had thought to haue giuen him thefe hofe when
 I had worne them a litle nearer, but he fhall haue a. &c.
- 140 Du. In good faith fir, they were but lofte on him. Will
 you any thing elfe with me fir?
- Cle. Nay, I haue heard to much of thée already.
 Du. Then I will take my leaue of you.
 Cle. Farewell, but tell me, may I not know thy name?
 Du. Sir, they call me Foule fall you.
- 145 Cle. An ill fauored name by my trouthe: arte thou this
 countrey man?
- Du. No fir, I was borne by a caftle mē cal Scabbe catch
 you:fare you well fir.
- Cle. Farewel. Oh God how haue I bene abufed? what a

150 fpokefman? what a meffanger had I prouided?

Car. Why fir, will you tarie for Pafiphilo till we die for hunger?

Cle. Trouble me not, that the Deuill take you both.

Car. Thefe newes what fo euer they be, like him not.

155 Cle. Art thou fo hungrie yet? I pray to God thou be neuer fatiffied.

Car. By the maffe no more I fhall as long as I am your feruaunt.

Cle. Goe with mifchaunce.

160 Car. Yea, and a mifchiefe to you, and to al fuch couetous wretches.

Finis Actus. 2.

Actus. iij. Scena. j.

DALIO the cooke. CRAPINE the lackie.

EROSTRATO, DVLIPO.

B Y that time we come to the houle, I trufte that of thefe
xx. egges in the bafket we fhall find but very few whole.
But it is a folly to talke to him. What the deuill, wilt thou
neuer lay that fticke out of thy hande? he fighteth with the
5 dogges, beateth the beares, at euery thing in the ftreate he
findeth occafion to tarie: if he fpie a flipftring by the waye
fuch another as himfelf, a Page, a Lackie or a dwarfe, the
deuill of hell cannot holde him in chaynes, but he will be do-
ing with him: I cannot goe two fteppes, but I muft looke
10 backe for my yonker: goe to halter ficke, if you breake one
egge I may chance breake, &c.

Cra. What will you breake? your nofe in mine &c?

Da. Ah beaft.

Cra. If I be a beaft, yet I am no horned beaft.

15 Da. Is it euen fo? is the winde in that doore? If I were
vnloaden I would tel you whether I be a horned beaft or no.

Cra. You are alway laden either with wine or with ale.

Dal. Ah fpitefull boy, fhall I fuffer him?

20 Cra. Ah cowardely beaft, dareft thou ftrike and fay ne-
uer a woorde?

Dal. Well, my maifter fhall know of this géere, either
he fhall redreffe it, or he fhall lofe one of vs.

Cra. Tel him the worft thou canft by me.

25 Ero. What noife, what a rule is this? (fwearing.

Cra. Marie fir, he ftriketh mée bicaufe I tell him of his

Dal. The villaine lieth deadly, he reuiles me bicaufe I
bid him make haft.

30 Ero. Holla: no more of this. Dalio, doe you make in a
readineffe thofe Pigeons, ftock Doues, and alfo the breaft
of Veale: and let your veffell be as cleare as glaffe againft
I returne, that I may tell you which I will haue roafted, &
which boyled. Crapine, fay downe that bafket and followe
me. Oh that I could tell where to finde Pafiphilo, but looke
where he commeth that can tell me of him.

35 Dul. What haue you done with Philogano your father?

Ero. I haue left him within, I would faine fpeake with
Pafiphilo, can you tell me where he is?

40 Du. He dined this day with my maifter, but whether he
went from thence I know not, what would you with him?

45 Ero. I woulde haue him goe tell Damon that Philogano
my father is come and ready to make affurance of as much
as he wil require. Now fhall I teach maifter doctor a fchole
point, he trauaileth to none other end but to catche Cornua,
and he fhall haue them, for as old as he is, and as many fub-
tilties as he hath learned in the law, he can not goe beyond
me one ace.

Du. O déere friend, goe thy wayes féeke Pafiphilo, finde
him out, and conclude fomewhat to our contentation.

Ero. But where fhall I finde him?

50 Du. At the feafts if there be any, or elfe in the market
with the poulters or the fifhmongers.

Erofttra. &
Du. ex im-
prouifo.

Dulipo is e-
fpied by Ero-
ftrato.

Ero. What fhould he doe with them?

55 Du. Mary he watcheth whofe Caters bie the beft meat.
If any bie a fat Capon, a good breaft of Veale, frefh Samon
or any fuche good difhe, he followeth to the houle, and either
with fome newes, or fome ftale ieft he will be fure to make
himfelfe a geaft.

Ero. In faith, and I will féeke there for him.

60 Du. Then muſte you néedes finde him, and when you
haue done I will make you laughe.

Ero. Whereat?

Du. At certaine ſport I made to day with maſter doctor.

Ero. And why not now?

65 Du. No it asketh further leyfure, I pray thée diſpatche,
and finde out Paſiphilo that honeſt man.

Dulipo tarieth. Eroſtrato goeth out.

Scena. ij.

DVLIPPO alone.

5 T His amorous cauſe that hãgeth in cõtrouerſie betwene
Domine doctor & me, may be compared to thẽ that play
at primero: of whõ ſome one peraduẽture ſhal léefe a great
fum of money before he win one ftake, & at laſt halfe in an-
ger ſhal ſet vp his reſt: win it: & after that another, another,
& another, till at laſt he draw the moſt part of the money to
his heape: ye other by litle & litle ſtil diminifhing his reſt, til
at laſt he be come as néere the brinke, as earſt ye other was:
yet again peraduẽture fortune ſmiling on him, he ſhal as it
10 were by péece meale, pull out the guts of his fellows bags,
& bring him barer than he himfelfe was tofore, & ſo in play
continue ſtil, (fortune fauoring now this way, now yt way)
til at laſt the one of thẽ is left with as many croſſes as God
hath brethren. O howe often haue I thoughte my ſelfe fure
15 of the vpper hande herein? but I triumphed before the vic-
torie. And then how ofte againe haue I thoughte the fiede
loſte? Thus haue I béene toſſed nowe ouer, nowe vnder,

euen as fortune lift to whirle the wéele, neither fure to winne nor certayne to loofe the wager. And this practife that nowe my feruaunte hath deuifed, although hitherto it hath not fucceeded amiffe, yet can I not count my felfe affured of it: for I feare ftill that one mifchance or other wyll come and turne it topfie turuie. But looke where my mayfter commeth.

Damon comming in, efpieth Dulipo and calleth him.

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DAMON. DVLIPO. NEVOLA, and two mo feruants.

D Vlipo.

Du. Here fir.

Da. Go in and bid Neuola and his fellowes come hither that I may tell them what they fhall goe about, and go you into my ftudie: there vpon the fhelfe you fhall find a roule of writings which Iohn of the Deane made to my Father, when he folde him the Grange ferme, endorced with bothe their names: bring it hither to me.

Du. It fhall be done fir.

Da. Go, I wil prepare other maner of writings for you thā you are aware of. O fooles that truſt any mā but themfelues now adaies: oh ſpiteful fortune, thou doeſt me wrong I thinke, that from the depth of Hell pitte thou haſte ſente mee this ſeruaunt to be the ſubuerſion of me and all mine. Come hither firs, and heare what I ſhal ſay vnto you: go into my ftudie, where you ſhall finde Dulipo, ſtep to him all at once, take him and (with a corde that I haue laide on the table for the nonce) bind him hande and foote, carie him into the dungeon vnder the ſtayres, make faſte the dore & bring me the key, it hangeth by vpon a pin on the wall. Diſpatche and doe this geare as priuily as you can: and thou Neuola come hither to me againe with ſpéede.

Ne. Well I fhall.

25 Da. Alas how fhall I be reuenged of this extreme def-
pite? if I punifhe my feruant according to his diuelifhe de-
ferts, I fhall heape further cares vpon mine owne head:
for to fuche deteftable offences no punifhment can fée me
fufficient, but onely death, and in fuch cafes it is not lawful
30 for a man to be his owne caruer. The lawes are ordeyned,
and officers appoynted to minifter iuftice for the redrefse
of wrongs: and if to the potestates I complayne me, I fhall
publifhe mine owne reproche to the worlde. Yea, what
fhould it preuayle me to vse all the punifhments that can
be deuifed? the thing once done can not be vndone. My
35 daughter is defloured, and I vtterly difhonefted: how can I
then wpe that blot off my browe? and on whome fhall I
féeke reuenge? Alas, alas I my felfe haue bene the caufe of
all thefe cares, and haue deferued to beare the punifhment
of all thefe mishappes. Alas, I fhould not haue committed
40 my deareft darling in cuftodie to fo carelefse a creature as
this olde Nurfe: for we fee by common prooffe, that thefe
olde women be either péeuifhe, or pitifull: either eafily
enclined to euill, or quickly corrupted with bribes and re-
wards. O wife, my good wife (that nowe lyeft colde in the
45 graue) now may I well bewayle the wante of thée, and
mourning nowe may I bemone that I miffe thée: if thou
hadft liued (fuche was thy gouvernement of the leaft things)
that thou wouldest prudently haue provided for the prefer-
uation of this pearle. A coftly iewell may I well accompte
50 hir, that hath été my chéeft comforte in youth, and is nowe
become the corofue of mine age. O Polynefta, full euill haft
thou requited the clemencie of thy carefull father: and yet to
excufe thée gittleffe before God, and to condemne thée giltie
before the worlde, I can count none other but my wretched
55 felfe the caytife and causer of all my cares. For of al the due-
ties that are requifite in humane lyfe, onely obedience is
by the parents to be required of the childe: where on y^e other

fide the parents are bound, firft to beget them, then to bring
 the fourth, after to nourifh them, to preferue them from bo-
 dily perils in the cradle, from daunger of foule by godly e-
 ducation, to matche them in confort enclined to vertue, too
 banifh them all ydle and wanton companie, to allow them
 fufficiente for their fultentation, to cut off exceffe the open
 gate of finne, feldome or neuer to fmile on them vnleffe it
 be to their encouragement in vertue, and finally, to provide
 them mariages in time cōuenient, left (neglected of vs) they
 learne to fette either to much or to litle by thefelues. Fiue
 yeares are paff fince I might haue married hir, when by cō-
 tinuall excufes I haue prolonged it to my owne perdition.
 Alas, I fhoulde haue confidered, fhe is a collop of my owne
 flefh: what fhould I think to make hir a princeffe? Alas alas,
 a poore kingdome haue I now caught to endowe hir with:
 It is too true, that of all forowes this is the head fource and
 chiefe fountaine of all furies: the goods of the world are in-
 certain, the gaines to be reioyced at, and the losse not great-
 ly to be lamented: only the children caft away, cutteth the
 parents throate with the knife of inward care, which knife
 will kill me furely, I make none other accompte.

Damons feruants come to him againe.

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NEVOLA. DAMON. PASIPHILLO.

Sir, we haue done as you hadde vs, and here is the key.

Da. Well, go then Neuola and feeke mafter Cafteling
 the iayler, he dwelleth by S. Antonies gate, defire him too
 lend me a paire of the fetters he vfeth for his prifoners, and
 come againe quickly.

Ne. Well fir.

Da. Heare you, if he afke what I would do with them,
 fay you cā not tell, and tell neither him nor any other, what

10 is become of Dulipo. Damon goeth out.

I warant you fir. Fye vpon the Deuill, it is a thing al-
moft vnpoſſible for a man nowe a dayes to handle money,
but the mettall will fticke on his fingers: I maruelled always
at this fellowe of mine Dulipo, that of the wages he re-
ceiued, he could maintaine himſelfe ſo brauely apparelled,
but nowe I perceiue the cauſe, he had the diſburſing and re-
ceit of all my maſters affaires, the keys of the granair, Du-
lippo here, Dulippo there, faouere with my maſter, in
faouere with his daughter, what woulde you more, he was
20 *Magiſter factotum*: he was as fine as the Cruſadoe, and wée
filly wretches as courſe as canuas: wel, behold what it is
come to in the ende, he had bin better to haue done leſſe.

An other ſup-
poſe.

Pa. Thou ſaiſt true Neuola, he hath done to much in déed.
Ne. From whence commeſt thou in the deuils name?

Paſi. ſubito
& improuiſo
venit.

25 Pa. Out of the ſame houſe thou cameſt from, but not out
of the ſame dore.

Ne. We had thought thou hadſt bene gone long ſince.

Pa. When I aroſe from the table, I felte a rumbling in
my belly, whiche made me runne to the ſtable, and there I
fell on fléepe vppon the ſtrawe, and haue line there euer
ſince: And thou whether goeſt thou?

Ne. My maſter hath ſent me on an errand in great haſt.

Pa. Whether I pray thée?

Ne. Nay I may not tell: Farewell.

35 Pa. As though I néede any further inſtructions: O God
what newes I heard euē now, as I lay in the ſtable: O good
Eroſtrato and pore Cleander, that haue ſo earneſtly ſtrouen
for this damſel, happie is he that can get hir I promiſe you,
he ſhall be ſure of mo than one at a clap that catcheth hir, ey-
ther Adam or Eue within hir belie. Oh God, how men may
be deceiued in a woman? who wold haue beléeued the con-
trary but that ſhe had bin a virgin? aſke the neighbours and
you ſhall heare very good report of hir: marke hir behauiors
40 & you would haue iudged hir very maydenly: ſeldome féene

An other ſup-
poſe.

45 abroade but in place of prayer, and there very deuout, and
 no gafer at outwarde fightes, no blafer of hir beautie aboue
 in the windowes, no ftale at the doore for the bypaffers: you
 would haue thought hir a holy yong woman. But muche
 good doe it Domine Doctor, hee fhall be fure to lacke no
 50 C O R N E in a deare yere, whatfoeuer he haue with hir elfe: I
 befhrew me if I let the mariage any way. But is not this
 the old fcabbed queane that I heard difclofing all this géere
 to hir mafter, as I ftoode in the ftale ere nowe? it is fhée.
 Whither goeth Pfiteria?

55 Pafiphilo efpieth Pfiteria comming.

Scena. v.

P S I T E R I A, P A S I P H I L O.

T O a Goffip of myne héereby.

Pa. What? to tattle of the goodly ftirre that thou keptft
 concerning Polynefta.

Pf. No no: but how knew you of that géere?

5 Pa. You tolde me.

Pf. I? when did I tell you?

Pa. Euen now when you tolde it to Damon, I both fawe
 you and heard you, though you faw not me: a good parte I
 promife you, to accufe the poore wenche, kill the olde man
 with care, ouer and besides the daunger you haue brought
 10 Dulipo and the Nurffe vnto, and many moe, fie, fie.

Pf. In déed I was to blame, but not fo much as you think.

Pa. And how not fo muche? did I not heare you tell?

Pf. Yes, But I will tell you how it came to paffe: I haue
 15 known for a great while, that this Dulipo and Polynefta
 haue lyen together, and all by the meanes of the nurfe: yet
 I held my peace, and neuer tolde it. Now this other day the
 Nurffe fell on fcolding with me, and twyce or thryce cal-
 led me drunken olde whore, and fuche names that it was
 20 too badde: and I called hir baude, and tolde hir that I

knew well enoughe howe often ſhe had brought Dulipo to
 Polyneſtas bed: yet all this while I thought not that anye
 body had heard me, but it befell cleane contrarye: for my
 maifter was on the other ſide of the wall, and heard all our
 talke, where vpon he ſent for me, and forced me to confeſſe
 all that you heard.

Paf. And why wouldeſt thou tell him? I woulde not
 for. &c.

Pf. Well, if I had thought my maifter would haue ta-
 ken it ſo, he ſhould rather haue killed me.

Paf. Why? how could he take it?

Pf. Alas, it pitieth me to ſee the poore yong woman how
 ſhe wéepeſ, wailes, and teares hir heare: not eſteming hir
 owne life halfe ſo deare as ſhe doth poore Dulipos: and hir
 father, he wéepeſ on the other ſide, that it would pearce an
 hart of ſtone with pitie: but I muſt be gone.

Paf. Go that the gunne powder confume thée olde trotte.

Finis Actus. 3.

Actus. iiij. Scena. j.

EROSTRATO fained.

W Hat ſhall I doe? Alas what remedie ſhall I finde for
 my ruefull eſtate? what eſcape, or what excuſe may
 I now deuife to ſhifte ouer our ſubtile ſuppofes? for though
 to this day I haue vſurped the name of my maifter, and that
 without checke or controll of any man, now ſhal I be open-
 ly diſcyphred, and that in the ſight of euery man: now ſhal it
 openly be known, whether I be Eroſtrato the gentleman,
 or Dulipo the ſeruaunt. We haue hitherto played our parts
 in abuſing others: but nowe commeth the man that wil not
 be abuſed, the right Philogano the right father of the right
 Eroſtrato: going to ſeke Paſiphilo, and hearing that he was
 at the water gate, beholde I eſpied my fellowe Litio, and

15 by and by my olde maifter Philogano fetting forth his firft
 ftep on land: I to fuge and away hither as faft as I could to
 bring word to the right Eroftrato, of his right father Philo-
 gano, that to fo fodaine a mifhap fome fubtile fhift might be
 vpō the fodaine deuifed. But what can be imagined to ferue
 the turne, although we had monethes refpite to beate oure
 20 braines about it, fince we are commōly knowen, at the leaft
 fupposed in this towne, he for Dulipo, a flauē & feruant to
 Damon, & I for Eroftrato a gentleman & a ftudent? But be-
 holde, runne Crapine to yonder olde woman before ſhe get
 within the doores, & defire hir to call out Dulipo: but heare
 25 you? if ſhe afke who would ſpeake with him, faye thy felfe
 and none other.

Eroftrato efpieth Pfiteria comming, and fendeth his
 lackey to hir.

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CRAPINE. PSITERIA. EROSTRA TO fained.

H Oneft woman, you goffip, thou rotten whore, heareft
 thou not olde witche?

Pf. A rope ftretche your yong bones, either you muſte
 liue to be as old as I, or be hanged while you are yong.

5 Cra. I pray thée loke if Dulipo be within.

Pf. Yes that he is I warrant him.

Cra. Defire him then to come hither and ſpeake a word
 with me, he ſhall not tarie.

Pf. Content your felfe, he is otherwife occupied.

10 Cra. Yet tell him fo gentle girle.

Pf. I tell you he is buſie.

Cra. Why is it ſuch a matter to tell him fo, thou crooked
 Crone?

Pf. A rope ftretche you marie.

15 Cra. A pockes eate you marie.

Pf. Thou wilt be hanged I warāt thée, if thou liue to it.

Cra. And thou wilt be burnt I warant thée, if the canker confume thée not.

20 Pf. If I come néere you hempftring, I will teache you to fing folfa.

Cra. Come on, and if I get a ftone I will fcare crowes with you.

25 Pf. Goe with a mifchiefe, I thinke thou be fome deuill that woulde tempte me.

Ero. Crapine: heare you? come away, let hir goe with a vengeance, why come you not? Alas loke where my maifter Philogano commeth: what fhall I doe? where fhall I hide me? he fhall not fee me in thefe clothes, nor before I haue fpoken with the right Erofrato.

30 Erofrato efpyeth Phylogano commming, and runneth about to hide him.

Scena. iij.

PHILOGANO. FERRARESE the Innekeeper.

LITIO a feruant.

H Oneft man it is euen fo: be you fure there is no loue to be compared like the loue of the parents towards their children. It is not long fince I thought that a very waightie matter fhoulde not haue made me come out of *Sicilia*, and yet now I haue taken this tedious toyle and trauaile vpon me, only to fee my fonne, and to haue him home with me.

5 Fer. By my faith fir, it hath ben a great trauaile in dede, and to much for one of your age.

10 Phi. Yea be you fure: I came in companie with certaine gentlemen of my countrey, who had affaires to difpatche as far as to *Aneona*, from thence by water too *Rauenna*, and from *Rauenna* hither, continually againft the tide.

Fer. Yea & I think yt you had but homly lodging by yt way.

15 Phi. The worft yt euer man had: but that was nothing to the ftirre that ye ferchers kept with me when I came aborde ye fhip: Iefus how often they vntruffed my male, & ranfaked

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a litle capcafe that I had, toffed & turned al that was within it, ferched my bofome, yea my breeches, yt I affure you I thought they would haue flayed me to fearchē betwene the fell and the fleſhe for fardings.

Fer. Sure I haue heard no leffe, and that the marchants bobbe them ſometimes, but they play the knaues ſtill.

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Phi. Yea be you well affured, fuche an office is the inheritance of a knaue, and an honeſt man will not meddle with it.

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Fer. Wel, this paſſage ſhal ſeme pleaſant vnto you whē you ſhall finde your childe in health and well: but I praye you fir why did you not rather ſend for him into *Sicilia*, than to come your ſelfe, ſpecially ſince you had none other buſineſſe? peradventure you had rather endanger your ſelfe by this noyſome iourney, than hazard to drawe him from his ſtudie.

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Phi. Nay, that was not the matter, for I had rather haue him giue ouer his ſtudie altogether and come home.

Fer. Why? if you minded not to make him learned, to what ende did you ſend him hither at the firſt?

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Phi. I will tell you: when he was at home he did as moſt yong men doe, he played many mad pranks and did many things that liked me not very well: and I thinking, that by that time he had ſene the worlde, he would learne to know himſelfe better, exhorted him to ſtudie, and put in his electiō what place he would go to. At the laſt he came hither, and I thinke he was ſcarce here ſo ſone as I felt the want of him, in fuche forte, as from that day to this I haue paſſed fewe nightes without teares. I haue written to him very often that he ſhoulde come home, but continually he refuſed ſtil, beſeeching me to continue his ſtudie, wherein he doubted not (as he ſaid) but to profite greatly.

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Fer. In dede he is very much commended of al men, and ſpecially of the beſt reputed ſtudentes.

Phi. I am glad he hath not loſt his time, but I care not

55 greatly for fo much knowledge. I would not be without
the fighte of hym againe fo long, for all the learning in the
worlde. I am olde nowe, and if God fhoulde call mée in
his abfence, I promife you I thinke it woulde driue me
into difperation.

Fer. It is commendable in a man to loue his childrē but
to be fo tender ouer them is more womanlike?

60 Phi. Well, I confeffe it is my faulte: and yet I will tell
you another caufe of my comming hither, more waightie
than this. Diuers of my countrey haue bene here fince hée
came hither, by whome I haue fente vnto him, and fome of
thē haue bene thrice, fome foure or fūe times at his houfe,
65 and yet could neuer fpeake with him. I feare he applies his
ftudie fo, that he will not léefe the minute of an houre from
his booke. What, alas, he might yet talke with his country-
men for a while: he is a yong man, tenderly brought vp, and
if he fare thus cōtinually night & day at his booke, it may
70 be enough to driue him into a frenesie.

Fer. In dede, enough were as good as a feaft. Loe you fir
here is your fonne Erofratoes houfe, I will knocke.

Phi. Yea, I pray you knocke.

Fer. They heare not.

75 Phi. Knocke againe,

Fer. I thinke they be on flepe.

Ly. If this gate were your Grandefathers foule, you
coulede not knocke more foftly, let me come: ho, ho, is there
any body within?

80 Dalio commeth to the wyndowe, and there maketh them
anfwere.

Scena. iiij.

DALIO the cooke. FERARESE the inholder.

PHILOGANO. LITIO his man.

W Hat deuill of hell is there? I thinke hée will breake
the gates in péeces.

Li. Marie fir, we had thoughte you had béene on fléepe within, and therefore we thought beft to wake you: what doth Erofrato?

Da. He is not within.

Phi. Open the dore good fellow I pray thée.

Da. If you thinke to lodge here, you are deceiued I tell you, for here are gueftes enowe already.

Phi. A good fellow, and much for thy maifter honefty by our Ladie: and what gueftes I pray thée?

Da. Here is Philogano my maifters father, lately come out of *Sicilia*.

An other fup-
pofe.

Phi. Thou fpeakeft truer thā thou arte aware of, he will be, by that time thou haft opened the dore: open I pray thée hartily.

Da. It is a fmall matter for me to open the dore, but here is no lodging for you, I tell you plaine, the houle is full.

Phi. Of whome?

Da. I tolde you: here is Philogano my maifters father come from Cathanea.

Phi. And when came he?

Da. He came thrée houres fince, or more, he alighted at the Aungell, and left his horfes there: afterwarde my maifter brought him hither.

Phi. Good fellow, I thinke thou haft good fport to mocke mée.

Da. Nay, I thinke you haue good fporer to make me tary here, as though I haue nothing elfe to doe: I am matched with an vnrule mate in the kitchin. I will goe looke to him another while.

Phi. I thinke he be drunken.

Fer. Sure he femes fo: fée you not how redde he is about the gilles?

Phi. Abide fellow, what Philogano is it whome thou talkeft of?

Da. An honeft gentlemā, father to Erofrato my maifter.

Phi. And where is he?

Da. Here within.

40 Phi. May we fée him?

Da. I thinke you may if you be not blind.

Phi. Go to, go tel him here is one wold fpeake with him.

Da. Mary that I will willingly doe.

45 Phi. I can not tell what I fhoulde fay to this géere. Litio,
what thinkeft thou of it?

Li. I cannot tell you what I fhoulde fay fir, the worlde
is large and long, there maye be moe Philoganos and moe
Erofratos than one, yea and moe *Ferraras*, moe *Sicilias*, and
moe *Cathaneas*: peraduenture this is not that *Ferrara* whiche
50 you fent your fonne vnto.

Another fup-
pofe.

Phi. Peraduenture thou arte a foole, and he was another
that answered vs euen now. But be you fure honeft man,
that you miftake not the houle?

55 Fer. Nay, then god helpe, thinke you I knowe not Ero-
fratos houle? yes, and himfelfe alfo: I fawe him here no
longer fince thā yefterday. But here cōmes one that wil tell
vs tydings of him, I like his countenaunce better than the
others that answered at the windowe erewhile.

60 Dalio draweth his hed in at the wyndowe, the Sce-
nefe commeth out.

Scena. v.

SCENESE. PHLLOGANO. DALIO.

W Ould you fpeake with me fir?

Phi. Yea fir, I would faine knowe whence you are.

Sce. Sir I am a *Sicilian*, at your commaundement.

Phi. What part of *Sicilia*?

5 Sce. Of *Cathanea*.

Phi. What fhall I call your name?

Sce. My name is Philogano.

Phi. What trade doe you occupie?

Sce. Marchandife.

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Phi. What marchandife brought you hither?

Sce. None, I came onely to fee a fonne that I haue here
whom I fawe not thefe two yeares.

Phi. What call they your fonne?

Sce Erofrato.

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Phi. Is Erofrato your fonne?

Sce. Yea verily.

Phi. And are you Philogano?

Sce. The fame.

Phi. And a marchant of *Cathanea*?

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Sce. What néede I tell you fo often? I will not tell you
a lye.

Phi. Yes, you haue told me a falfe lie, and thou arte a
vilaine and no better.

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Sce. Sir, you offer me great wrong with thefe iniurious
wordes.

Phi. Nay, I will doe more than I haue yet proffered to
doe, for I will proue thée a lyer, and a knaue to take vpon
thée that thou art not.

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Sce. Sir I am Philogano of *Cathanea*, out of all doubte, if
I were not I would be loth to tell you fo.

Phi. Oh, fée the boldneffe of this brute beaft, what a bra-
fen face he fetteth on it?

Sce. Well, you may beleue me if you lifte: what won-
der you?

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Phi. I wonder at thy impudencie, for thou, nor nature
that framed thée, can euer counterfaite thee to be me, ribauld
villaine, and lying wretch that thou arte.

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Da. Shall I fuffer a knaue to abufe my maifters father
thus? hence villaine, hence, or I will fheath this good faw-
chiō in your paūch: if my maifter Erofrato find you prating
here on this fafhiō to his father, I wold not be in your coate
for mo conney fkins thā I gat thefe twelue monethes: come
you in againe fir, and let this Curre barke here till he burft.

Dalio pulleth the Scenefe in at the dores.

A ftoute fup-
pofe.

A pleafant
fuppofe.

Scena. vj.

PHILOGANO. LITIO. FERARESE.

L Itio, how likeft thou this géere?

Li. Sir, I like it as euill as may be: but haue you not often heard tell of the falfehood of *Ferara*, and now may you fée, it falleth out accordingly.5 Fer. Friend, you do not well to flaunder the Citie, thefe men are no *Ferrarefes* you may know by their tong.

Li. Well, there is neuer a barrell better herring, bée-twene you both: but in déed your officers are moft to blame, that fuffer fuch faultes to efcape vnpunifhed.

10 Fer. What knowe the officers of this? thinke you they know of euery fault?

Li. Nay, I thinke they will knowe as little as may bée, fpecially when they haue no gaines, by it, but they ought to haue their eares as open to heare of fuch offēces, as the In-gates be to receiue guefts.

15 Phi. Holde thy peace foole.

Li. By the maffe I am a fearde that we fhall be proued fooles both two.

Phi. Well, what fhall we doe?

20 Li. I would thinke beft we fhould go féeke Erofrato him felfe.

Fer. I will waite vpon you willingly, and either at the fchooles, or at the conuocations, we fhall find him.

25 Phi. By our Lady I am wery, I will run no longer about to feke him, I am fure hither he will come at the laft.

Li. Sure, my mind giues me that we fhall find a new Erofrato ere it be long.

A true fup-pofe.

30 Fe. Looke where he is, whether runnes he? ftay you a-while, I will goe tell him that you are here: Erofrato, Erofraro, ho Erofrato, I would fpeake with you.

Erofrato is efpiéd vppon the ftage running about.

Scena. vij.

Fained EROSTRATO. FERARESE.

PHILOGANO. LITIO. DALIO.

N Owe can I hide me no longer. Alas what fhall I doe:
I will fet a good face on, to beare out the matter.

Fera. O Erofrato, Philogano your father is come out of
Sicilia.

5 Ero. Tell me that I knowe not, I haue bene with him
and féene him alredy.

Fera. Is it poffible? and it féemeth by him that you know
not of his comming.

10 Ero. Why, haue you fpoken with him? when faw you
him I pray you?

Fera. Loke you where he ftandes, why go you not too
him? Looke you Philogano, beholde your deare fon Erofrato.

Phi. Erofrato? this is not Erofrato: thys féemeth rather
to be Dulipo, and it is Dulipo in déede.

15 Li. Why, doubte you of that?

Ero. What faith this honeft man?

Phi. Mary fir, in deede you are fo honorably •ladde, it is
no maruell if you loke bigge.

Ero. To whome fpeaketh he?

20 Phi. What, God helpe, do you not know me?

Ero. As farre as I remember Sir, I neuer fawe you
before.

Phi. Harke Litio, here is good géere, this honeft man
will not know me.

25 Ero. Gentleman, you take your markes amiffe.

Li. Did I not tell you of the falfehood of *Ferrara* mafter?
Dulipo hath learned to play the knaue indifferently well
fince he came hither.

Phi. Peace I fay.

30 Ero. Friend, my name is not Dulipo, afke you thorough
out this towne of great and fmall, they know me: afke this
honeft man that is with you, if you wyll not beléue me.

A fhameleffe
fuppofe.

Ferra. In déede, I neuer knewe him otherwife called than Erofrato: and fo they call him, as many as knowe him.

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Li. Mafter, nowe you may fee the falfehood of thefe fellows: this honeft man your hofte, is of counfaile with him, and would face vs down that it is Erofrato: beware of thefe mates.

A nerveleffe
fuppofe.

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Fera. Friende, thou doeft me wrong to fufpect me, for fure I neuer hearde hym otherwife called than Erofrato.

Ero. What name could you heare me called by, but by my right name? But I am wife enough to ftand prating here with this old man, I thinke he be mad.

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Phi. Ah runnagate, ah villaine traitour, doeft thou vfe thy mafter thus? what haft thou done with my fon villain?

Da. Doth this dogge barke here ftill? and will you fuffer him mafter thus to reuile you?

Ero. Come in, come in, what wilt thou do with thys peftil?

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Da. I will rap the olde cackabed on the cofterd.

Ero. Away with it, & you firra, lay downe thefe ftones: come in at dore euery one of you, beare with him for his age, I paffe not of his euill wordes.

Erofrato taketh all his feruantes in at the dores.

Scena. viij.

PHILOGANO. FERARESE. LITIO.

A Las, who fhall relieue my miferable eftate? to whome

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fhall I complaine? fince he whome I brought vp of a childe, yea and cherifhed him as if he had bene mine owne, doth nowe vtterly denie to knowe me: and you whome I toke for an honeft man, and he that fhould haue broughte me to the fighte of my fonne, are compacte with this falfe wretch, and would face me downe that he is Erofrato. Alas, you might haue fome compaffion of mine age, to the miferie I am now in, and that I am a ftranger defolate of all comforte in this countrey: or at the leaft, you fhoulde haue

An other fup-
pofe.

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feared the vengeance of God the fupreme iudge (whiche knoweth the fecrets of all harts) in hearing this falfe witneffe with him, whome heauen and earth doe knowe to be Dulipo and not Erofrato.

15 Li. If there be many fuch witneffes in this coūtre, men may go about to proue what they wil in cōtrouerfies here.

Fer. Well fir, you may iudge of me as it pleafeth you: & how the matter commeth to paffe I know not, but truly, euer fince he came firft hither, I haue knownen him by the
20 name of Erofrato the fonne of Philogano a *Cathaneſe*: nowe whether he be fo in déede, or whether he be Dulipo, (as you alledge) let that be proued by them that knewe him before he came hether. But I proteft before God, that whiche I
25 haue faid, is neither a matter compact with him, nor any other, but euen as I haue hard him called & reputed of al mē.

Phi. Out and alas, he whom I fent hither with my fon to be his feruaunt, and to giue attendance on him, hath eyther cut his throate, or by fome euill meanes made him away: and hath not onely taken his garmentes, his bookes,
30 his money, and that whiche he brought out of *Sicilia* with him, but vfurpeth his name alfo, and turneth to his owne commoditie the bills of exchaunge that I haue alwayes allowed for my fonnes expences. Oh miserable Philogano, oh vnhappie old man: oh eternall God, is there no iudge? no
35 officer? no higher powers whom I may complaine vnto for redrefſe of theſe wrongs?

Fer. Yes fir, we haue poteſtates, we haue Iudges, and aboue al, we haue a moſt iuſte prince: doubt you not, but you ſhall haue iuſtice if your caufe be iuſt.

40 Phi. Bring me then to the Iudges, to the poteſtates, or to whome you thinke beſt: for I will difcloſe a packe of the greateſt knauerie, a fardell of the fowleſt falſehood that euer was heard of.

45 Li. Sir, he that wil goe to the lawe, muſt be fure of foure things: firſt, a right and a iuſt caufe: then a righteous aduo-

A fhrewde
ſuppofe

cate to pleade: nexte, fauour *coram Iudice*: and aboue all, a good purfe to procure it.

Fer. I haue not heard, that the law hath any respect to fauour: what you meane by it I cannot tell.

Phi. Haue you no regard to his wordes, he is but a foole.

Fer. I pray you fir, let him tell me what is fauour.

5 Li. Fauour cal I, to haue a friend néere about the iudge, who may fo follicite thy caufe, as if it be right, fpéedie fentence may enfue without any delayes: if it be not good, then to prolong it, till at the laft, thine aduerfarie being wearie, fhall be glad to compound with thée.

10 Fer. Of thus much (although I neuer heard thus muche in this couñtre before) doubt you not Philogano, I will bring you to an aduocate that fhall fpéede you accordingly.

15 Phi. Then fhall I giue my felfe, as it were a pray to the Lawyers, whose infatiable iawes I am not able to féede, although I had here all the goods and landes which I poffeffe in mine own countrey: much leffe being a ftraunger in this miferie. I know their cautels of old: at the firft time I come they wil fo extoll my caufe, as though it were already won: but within a feuēnight or ten daies, if I do not continually féede them as the crow doth hir brattes, twētie times in an

20 houre, they will begin to waxe colde, and to finde cauils in my caufe, faying, that at the firfte I did not well instructe them, till at the laft, they will not onely drawe the stuffing out of my purfe, but the marrow out of my bones.

25 Fer. Yea fir, but this man that I tell you of, is halfe a Saincte.

Li. And the other halfe a Deuill, I hold a pennie.

Phi. Well fayd Litio, in déede I haue but fmal confidence in their fmothe lookes.

30 Fer. Well fir, I thinke this whom I meane, is no fuche manner of man: but if he were, there is fuch hatred and euil wil betwene him & this gentlemā (whether he be Erofrato or Dulipo, what fo euer he be) that I warrant you, he will

An other fup-
pofe.

doe whatfoeuer he can do for you, were it but to fpite him.

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Phi. Why? what hatred is betwixt them?

Fer. They are both in loue and futers to one gentlewoman, the daughter of a welthie man in this citie.

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Phi. Why? is the villeine become of fuch eftimatiō that he dare prefume to be a futer to any gentlewomā of a good familie?

Fer. Yea fir out of all doubt.

Phi. How call you his aduerfarie?

Fer. Cleander, one of the excellenteft doctors in our citie.

Phi. For Gods loue let vs goe to him.

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Fer. Goe we then.

Finis Actus. 4.

Actus.v. Scena.i.

Fayned EROSTRATO.

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W Hat a mifhappe was this? that before I could méete with Erofrato, I haue light euen ful in the lap of Philogano: where I was cōftrained to denie my name, to denie my mafter, & to faine that I knew him not, to contend with him, & to reuile him, in fuch fort, that hap what hap can, I cā neuer hap well in fauour with him againe. Therefore if I could come to fpeake with ye right Erofrato, I will renounce vnto him both habite and credite, and away as faft as I can trudge into fome ftrange countrey, where I may neuer fee Philogano againe. Alas, he that of a litle childe hath brought me vp vnto this day, and nourifhed me as if I had bene his owne: & in déede (to confeffe the trouth) I haue no father to truft vnto but him. But looke where Pafiphilo commeth, the fitteft man in the world to goe on me meffage to Erofrato.

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Erofrato efpieth Pafiphilo comming towards him.

Scena. ij.

PASIPHILLO. EROSTRATO.

T Wo good newes haue I heard to day alreadie: one that Erofrato prepared a great feaft this night: the other, that

Another fup-
pofe.

he féeketh for me. And I to eafe him of his trauaile, leaft he
 fhoulde runne vp and downe féeking me, and bicaufe no
 5 man loueth better thā I to haue an erand where good chéere
 is, come in poft haft euen home to his owne houfe: and loke
 where he is.

Ero. Pafiphilo, thou muſte doe one thing for me if thou
 loue me.

10 Paf. If I loue you not, who loues you? commaunde me.

Ero. Go then a litle there, to Damons houfe, afke for Du-
 lipo, and tell him.

Paf. Wot you what? I cannot ſpeake with him, he is in
 prifon.

15 Ero. In prifon? how commeth that to paſſe? where is he
 in prifon?

Paf. In a vile dungeon there within his maſters houfe.

Ero. Canſt thou tell wherefore?

Paf. Be you content to know he is in prifon, I haue told
 20 you to muche.

Ero. If euer you will doe any thing for me, tell me.

Paf. I pray you deſire me not, what were you the bet-
 ter if you knew?

Ero. More than thou thinkeſt Pafiphilo by God.

25 Paf. Well, and yet it ſtandes me vpon more than you
 thinke, to kéepe it ſecrete.

Ero. Why Pafiphilo, is this the truſt I haue had in you?
 are theſe the faire promiſes you haue awayes made me?

Paf. By the maſſe I would I had faſted this night with
 30 maſter doctor, rather than haue come hither.

Ero. Wel Pafiphilo, eyther tel me, or at few woordes ne-
 uer thinke to be welcome to this houſe from henceforthe.

Paf. Nay, yet I had rather léefe all the Gentlemen in
 this towne. But if I tell you any thing that diſpleaſe you,
 35 blame no body but your ſelfe now.

Ero. There is nothing cā greue me more thā Dulipoes
 miſhappe, no not mine owne: and therfore I am ſure thou

canft tell me no worffe tidings.

40 Pa. Well, fince you would néedes haue it, I wil tell you:
he was taken a bed with your beloued Polynefta.

Ero. Alas, and doth Damon knowe it?

45 Pa. An olde trotte in the houfe difclofed it to him, wher-
vpon he tooke bothe Dulipo and the Nurfe which hath bene
the broker of all this bargayne, and clapte them bothe in
a cage, where I thinke they fhall haue forowe foppes too
their fwéete meates.

Ero. Pafiphilo, go thy wayes into the kitchin, commaund
the cooke to boyle and roaft what liketh thee beft, I make
thée fupra vifour of this fupper.

50 Pa. By the maffe if you fhould haue ftudied this feuen-
night, you could not haue appointed me an office to pleafe
me better. You fhall fee what difhes I will deuife.

Pafiphilo goeth in, Eroftrato tarieth.

Scena. iij.

Fayned EROSTRATO alone.

I Was glad to rid him out of the way, leaft he fhoulde fee
me burft out of thefe fwelling teares, which hitherto with
great payne I haue prifoned in my brest, & leaft he fhoulde
heare the Eccho of my doubled fighes, whiche bounce from
5 the botome of my heuy heart. O curfed I, O cruell fortune,
that fo many difperfed griefes as were fufficient to fubuert
a legion of Louers, haft fodenly affembled within my care-
full carkafe to treat this fearfull heart in funder with de-
fperation. Thou that haft kepte my mafter all his youthe
10 within the realme of *Sicilia*, referuing the wind and waues
in a temperate calme (as it were at his commaunde) nowe
to conuey his aged limmes hither, neither fooner nor la-
ter: but euen in the worft time that may be. If at any time
before thou haddeft conducted him, this enterprife had bene
15 cut off without care in the beginning: and if neuer fo little
longer thou hadft lingred his iorney, this happie day might

Another plain
and homely
fuppofe.

then haue fully finifhed our drifts & deuifes. But alas, thou
 haft brought him euen in the very worft time, to plunge vs
 al in the pit of perdition. Neither art thou content to entā-
 20 gle me alone in thy ruinous ropes, but thou muft alfo catch
 the right Erofrato in thy crooked clawes, to reward vs both
 with open fhame & rebuke. Two yéeres haft thou kept fe-
 crete our fubtill Suppofes, euen this day to difcipher them
 with a forowfull fucceffe. What fhall I do? Alas what fhift
 25 fhall I make? it is too late now to imagine any further de-
 ceite, for euery minute féemeth an houre til I find fome fuc-
 cour for the miserable captiue Erofrato. Wel, fince there is
 no other remedie, I wil go to my mafter Philogano, & to him
 will I tell the whole truth of the matter, that at the leaft he
 30 may prouide in time, before his fonne feele the fmart of
 fome fharme reuenge and punifhment. This is the beft, and
 thus wil I do. Yet I know, that for mine owne parte I fhall
 do bitter penance for my faults forepaffed: but fuche is the
 good will and duetie that I beare to Erofrato, as euen with
 35 the loffe of my life I muft not fticke to aduenture any thing
 which may turne to his commoditie. But what fhall I do?
 fhall I go feeke my mafter about the towne, or fhall I tar-
 rie his returne hither? If I méete him in the ftréetes, he wil
 crie out vpon me, neither will he harken to any thing that
 40 I fhall fay, till he haue gathered all the people wondring a-
 bout me, as it were at an Owle. Therefore I were better
 to abide here, and yet if he tarrie long I will goe feeke him,
 rather than prolong the time to Erofratos perill.

Pafiphilo returneth to Erofrato.

Scena. iiij.

PASIPHILLO. Fayned EROSTRATO.

Y Ea dresse them, but lay them not to the fire, till they will
 be ready to fit downe. This géere goeth in order: but if I
 had not gone in, there had fallen a foule faulte.

Ero. And what fault I pray thée?

5 Pa. Marie, Dalio would haue layd the fhoulder of mut-
ton and the Capon bothe to the fire at once like a foole: he
did not confider, that the one woulde haue more roafting
than the other.

Ero. Alas, I would this were the greateft fault.

10 Pa. Why? and either the one fhould haue bene burned
before the other had bene roafted, or elfe he muft haue
drawne them off the fpitte: and they would haue bene fer-
ued to the boorde either colde or rawe.

Ero. Thou haft reafon Pafiphilo.

15 Pa. Now fir, if it pleafe you I will goe into the towne
and buye oranges, oliues, and caphers, for without fuche
fauce the fupper were more than halfe loft.

Ero. There are within already, doubt you not, there fhall
lacke nothing that is neceffarie.

Erofrato
exit.

20 Pa. Since I told him thefe newes of Dulipo, he is cleane
befide himfelf: he hath fo many hammers in his head, that
his braynes are ready to burft: and let them breake, fo I
may fuppe with him to night, what care I? But is not this
Dominus nofter Cleandrus that commeth before? well fayde,
25 by my truth we will teache maifter Doctor to weare a cor-
nerd cappe of a new fafhion. By God Polynefta fhall be his,
he fhall haue hir out of doubt, for I haue tolde Erofrato fuch
newes of hir, that he will none of hir.

A knauiſhe
fuppofe.

30 Cleander and Philogano come in, talking of the matter in
controuerfie.

Scena. v.

CLEANDER. PHILOGANO. LITIO. PASIPHILLO.

Y Ea, but howe will ye proue that he is not Erofrato, ha-
uing fuch prefumptiōs to the cōtrarie? or how fhall it be
thought that you are Philogano, when an other taketh vpon
him this fame name, and for prooffe bringeth him for a wit-
neffe, which hath bene euer reputed here for Erofrato?

5 Phi. I will tel you fir, let me be kept here faft in prifon, &

at my charges let there be fome man fent into *Sicilia*, that
 may bring hither with him two or thrée of the honefteft mē
 in *Cathanea*, and by them let it be proued if I or this other be
 10 Philogano, and whether he be Erofrato or Dulipo my fer-
 uant: & if you finde me contrarie, let me fuffer death for it.

Pa. I will go falute mafter Doctour.

Cle. It will afke great labour & great expences to proue
 it this way, but it is the beft remedie that I can fee.

15 Pa. God faue you fir.

Cle. And reward you as you haue deferued.

Pa. Then fhall he giue me your fauour continually.

Cle. He fhall giue you a halter, knaue and villein that
 thou arte.

20 Pa. I knowe I am a knaue, but no villein. I am your
 feruaunt.

Cle. I neither take thée for my feruāt, nor for my friend.

Pa. Why? wherein haue I offended you fir?

Cle. Hence to the gallowes knaue.

25 Pa. What fofter and faire fir, I pray you, I praefequar, you
 are mine elder.

Cle. I will be euen with you, be you fure, honeft man.

Pa. Why fir? I neuer offended you.

Cle. Well, I will teach you: out of my fight knaue.

30 Pa. What? I am no dogge, I would you wift.

Cle. Prateft thou yet villein? I will make thée.

Pa. What will you make me? I fée wel the more a man
 doth fuffer you, the worffe you are.

35 Cle. Ah villein, if it were not for this gentleman, I wold
 tell you what I.

Pa. Villein? nay I am as honeft a man as you.

Cle. Thou lieft in thy throate knaue.

Phi. O fir, ftay your wifedome.

Paf. What will you fight? marie come on.

40 Cle. Well knaue, I will méete with you another time,
 goe your way.

Paf. Euen when you lift fir, I will be your man.

Cle. And if I be not euen with thee, call me out.

45 Paf. Nay by the Maffe, all is one, I care not, for I haue nothing: if I had either landes or goods, peraduenture you would pull me into the lawe.

Phi. Sir, I perceiue your pacience is moued.

Cle. This villaine: but let him goe, I will fee him punished as he hath deferued. Now to the matter, how faid you?

50 Phi. This fellow hath difquieted you fir, peraduenture you would be loth to be troubled any further.

Cle. Not a whit, fay on, & let him go with a vengeance.

Phi. I fay, let them fend at my charge to *Cathanea*.

55 Cle. Yea I remember that wel, & it is the fureft way as this cafe requireth: but tel me, how is he your feruant? and how come you by him? enforme me fully in the matter.

Phi. I will tell you fir: when the Turkes won *Otranto*.

Cle. Oh, you put me in remembrance of my mishappes.

Phi. How fir?

60 Cle. For I was driuen among the reft out of the towne (it is my natiue countrey) and there I loft more than euer I fhall recouer againe while I liue.

Phi. Alas, a pitifull cafe by S. Anne.

Cle. Well, procéde.

65 Phi. At that time (as I faide) there were certaine of our countrey that fcoured thofe coftes vpon the feas, with a good barke; well appointed for the purpofe, and had efpiall of a Turkey veffell that came laden from thence with great abundance of riches.

70 Cle. And peraduenture moft of mine.

Phi. So they boarded them, & in the end ouercame them, & brought the goods to *Palermo*, to whence they came, and amongft other things that they had, was this villeine my feruaunt, a boy at that time, I thinke not paft fiue yéeres olde.

75 Cle. Alas, I loft one of that fame age there.

Phi. And I beyng there, and liking the Childes fauour

Lawyers are neuer weary to get money.

A gentle fup-
pofe.

well, proffered them foure and twentie ducates for him,
and had him.

80 Cle. What? was the childe a Turke? or had the Turkes
brought him from *Otranto*?

Phi. They faide he was a Childe of Otranto, but what
is that to the matter? once .xxiiij. Ducattes he coft me, that
I wot well.

85 Cle. Alas, I fpeake it not for that fir, I woulde it were he
whome I meane.

Phi. Why, whom meane you fir?

Liti. Beware fir, be not to lauiſh.

Cle. Was his name Dulipo then? or had he not an-
other name?

90 Liti. Beware what you ſay fir.

Phi. What the deuill haft thou to doe? Dulipo? no fir his
name was Carino.

Liti. Yea, well faid, tell all and more to, doe.

95 Cle. O Lord, if it be as I thinke, how happie were I? &
why did you change his name then?

Phi. We called him Dulipo, bycauſe when he cryed as
Childdren doe ſometimes, he woulde alwayes cry on that
name Dulipo.

100 Cle. Well, then I fee well it is my owne onely Childe,
whome I loſte, when I loſte my countrie: he was named
Carino after his grandfather, and this Dulipo whome he
alwayes remembred in his lamenting, was his foſter fa-
ther that nourifhed him and brought him vp.

105 Li. Sir, haue I not told you enough of ye falſhood of *Ferara*?
this gentleman will not only picke your purſe, but beguile
you of your ſeruaunt alſo, & make you beleue he is his ſon.

Cle. Well goodfellow, I haue not vſed to lie.

Liti. Sir no, but euery thing hath a beginning.

110 Cle. Fie, Philogano haue you not the leaſt ſuſpecte that
may be of me.

Liti. No marie, but it were good he had the moſt ſuſpecte

A crafty ſup-
poſe.

that may be.

115 Cle. Well, hold thou thy peace a litle good follow. I pray
you tell me Philogano had ye child any remembrance of his
fathers name, his mothers name, or ye name of his familie?

Phi. He did remember them, and could name his mother
also, but fure I haue forgotten the name.

Liti. I remember it well enough.

Phi. Tell it then.

120 Liti. Nay, that I will not marie, you haue tolde him too
much al ready.

Phi. Tell it I fay, if thou can.

125 Liti. Cā? yes by ye maffe I cā wel enough: but I wil haue
my tong pulled out, rather thā tell it, vnleffe he tell it firft:
doe you not perceiue fir, what he goeth about?

Cle. Well, I will tell you then, my name you know al-
redy: my wife his mothers name was Sophronia, the houle
that I came of, they call *Spiagia*.

130 Liti. I neuer heard him ſpeake of *Spiagia* but in déede I
haue heard him fay, his mothers name was Sophronia: but
what of yt? a great matter I promife you. It is like enoughe
that you two haue compact together to deceiue my maifter.

135 Cle. What nedeth me more eident tokens? this is my
fonne out of doubt whom I loft eighteen yeares fince, and a
thoufand thoufand times haue I lamented for him: he fhuld
haue alfo a mould on his left fhoulder.

Li. He hath a moule there in deede: and an hole in an o-
ther place to, I would your nofe were in it.

140 Cle. Faire wordes fellow Litio: oh I pray you let vs goe
talke with him, O fortune, howe much am I bounde to thée
if I finde my fonne?

145 Phi. Yea how little am I beholdē to fortune, that know
not where my fonne is become, and you whome I choſe to
be mine aduocate, will nowe (by the meanes of this Dulipo)
become mine aduerfarie?

Cle. Sir, let vs firſt goe find mine: and I warrant you

A right ſup-
poſe.

yours will be founde alfo ere it be long.

Phi. God graunt:goe we then,

150 Cle. Since the dore is open, I will neuer knocke nor cal,
but we will be bolde to goe in.

Li. Sir, take you héede, leaft he leade you to fome mif-
chiefe.

Phi. Alas Litio, if my fonne be lofte what care I what be-
come of me?

155 Li. Well, I haue tolde you my minde Sir, doe you as
you please.

Exeunt: Damon and Pfiteria come in.

Scena fexta.

DAMON. PSITERIA.

C Ome hither you olde kallat, you tatling hufwife, that
the deuill cut oute your tong: tell me, howe could Pafi-
philo know of this géere but by you?

5 Pfi. Sir, he neuer knewe it of me, he was the firfte that
tolde me of it.

Da. Thou lieft old drabbe, but I would aduife you tel me
the truth, or I wil make thofe old bones rattle in your fkin.

Pfi. Sir, if you finde me contrarie, kill me.

Da. Why? where fhould he talke with thée?

10 Pfi. He talked with me of it here in the ftreete.

Da. What did you here?

Pfi. I was going to the weauers for a webbe of clothe
you haue there.

15 Da. And what caufe coulde Pafiphilo haue to talke of it,
vnleffe thou began the mater firft?

Pfi. Nay, he began with me fir, reuiling me, bycaufe I
had tolde you of it: I asked him how he knewe of it, and he
faid he waf in the ftable when you examined me ere while.

20 Da. Alas, alas, what fhall I doe then? in at doref olde
whore, I wil plucke that tong of thine out by the rootef one
day. Alas it gréeueth me more that Pafiphilo knoweth it,

than all the reft. He that will haue a thing kept fecrete, let him tell it to Pafiphilo: the people fhall knowe it, and as many as haue eares and no mo. By this time he hath tolde
 25 it in a hundreth places. Cleander was the firfte, Erofrato the feconde, and fo from one to another throughout the citie. Alas, what dower, what mariage fhall I nowe prepare for my daughter? O poore dolorous Damon, more miferable than miferie it felfe, would God it were true that Polynefta
 30 tolde me ere while: that he who hathe deflowred hir, is of no feruile eftate, (as hitherto he hath bene fuppofed in my feruice) but that he is a gentleman borne of a good parentage in *Sicilia*. Alas, fmall riches fhoulde content me, if he be but of an honeft familie: but I feare that he hathe deuifed thefe toyes to allure my daughters loue. Well I wil goe examine hir againe, my minde giueth me that I fhall perceiue by hir tale whether it be true or not. But is not this Pafiphilo that cometh out of my neighbours houfe? what the deuill
 35 ayleth him to leape and laughe fo like a foole in ye high way?
 40 Pafiphilo commeth out of the towne laughing.

The firft fup-
 pofe brought
 to conclusion.

Scena feptima.

PHILOGANO. DAMON

O God, that I might finde Damon at home.

Da. What the diuill would he with me?

Paf. That I may be the firfte that fhall bring him thefe newes.

5 Da. What will he tell me, in the name of God?

Paf. O Lord, how happie am I? loke where he is.

Da. What newes Pafiphilo, that thou arte fo merie?

Paf. Sir I am mery to make you glad: I bring you ioyfull newes.

10 Da. And that I haue nede of Pafiphilo.

Paf. I knowe fir, that you are a forowfull man for this mifhap that hath chaunced in your houfe, peraduenture you thoughte I had not knowen of it. But let it paffe, plucke vp

15 your fprits, and reioyce: for he that hath done you this iniurie is fo well borne, and hath fo riche parents, that you may be glad to make him your fonne in law.

Da. How knoweft thou?

20 Paf. His father Philogano one of the worthieft men in all *Cathanea*, is nowe come to the citie, and is here in your neighbours houfe.

Da. What, in Erofratos houfe?

25 Paf. Nay in Dulipos houfe: for where you haue alwayes fupposed this gentlemā to be Erofrato, it is not fo, but your feruaunt whom you haue emprifoned hitherto, fupposed to be Dulipo, he is in dede Erofrato: and that other is Dulipo. And thus they haue alwayes, euen fince their firft ariual in this citie, exchaunged names, to the ende that Erofrato the maifter, vnder ye name of Dulipo a feruant, might be entertained in your houfe, & fo winne the loue of your daughter.

30 Da. Wel, then I perceiue it is euē as Polinefta told me.

Paf. Why, did fhe tell you fo?

Da. Yea: But I thought it but a tale.

35 Paf. Well, it is a true tale: and here they will be with you by and by: both Philogano this worthie man, and maifter doctor Cleander.

Da. Cleander? what to doe?

40 Paf. Cleander? Why therby lies another tale, the moſte fortunate aduenture that euer you heard: wot you what? this other Dulipo, whome all this while we fupposed to be Erofrato, is founde to be the fonne of Cleander, whome he loft at the loſſe of *Otranto*, and was after folde in *Sicilia* too this Philogano the ſtrangeſt caſe that euer you heard: a mā might make a Comedie of it. They wil come euen ſtraight, and tell you the whole circumſtance of it themſelues.

45 Da. Nay I will firſt goe heare the ſtorie of this Dulipo, be it Dulipo or Erofrato that I haue here within, before I ſpeake with Philogano.

Paf. So ſhall you doe well fir, I will goe tell them that

they may ftay a while, but loke where they come.

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Damon goeth in, Scenefe, Cleander and Philogano come
vpon the ftage.

Scena. viiiij.

SCENESE. CLEANDER. PHILOGANO.

S Ir, you fhall not nede to excufe ye matter any further, fince
I haue receiued no greater iniurie than by words, let thē
paffe like wind, I take them well in worthe: and am ra-
ther well pleafed than offended: for it fhall bothe be a good
warning to me another time howe to truft euery man at
the firft fighte, yea, and I fhall haue good game here after to
tel this pleafant ftory another day in mine owne countrey.

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Cle. Gentleman, you haue reafon: and be you fure, that
as many as heare it, will take great pleafure in it. And you
Philogano may thinke, that god in heauen aboue, hath or-
dained your comming hither at this prefent to the ende I
mighte recouer my loft fonne, whom by no other meanes I
coulede euer haue founde oute.

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Phi. Surely fir I thinke no leffe, for I think that not fo
much as a leafe falleth from the trée, without the ordinance
of god. But let vs goe feke Damon, for me thinketh euery
day a yeare, euery houre a daye, and euery minute to much
till I fee my Erofrato.

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Cle. I cannot blame you, goe we then. Carino take you
that gentleman home in the meane time, the fewer the bet-
ter to be prefent at fuch affaires.

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Pafiphilo ftayeth their going in.

Scena. ix.

PHILOGANO CLEANDER.

M Aifter doctor, will you not fhew me this fauour, to tell
me the caufe of your difpleafure?

Cle. Gentle Pafiphilo, I muſte néedes confefſe I haue
done thée wrong, and that I beleued tales of thée, whiche in

5 déede I finde now contrary.

Paf. I am glad then that it procéedee rather of ignorance than of malice.

Cle. Yea beleue me Pafiphilo.

10 Paf. O fir, but yet you fhoulde not haue giuen me fuche foule wordes.

Cle. Well, content thy felfe Pafiphilo, I am thy frende as I haue alwayes bene: for prooffe whereof, come fuppe with me to night, & from day to day this feuen night be thou my gueft. But beholde, here cōmeth Damō out of his houfe.

15 Here they come all together

Scena decima.

CLEANDER. PHILOGANO. DAMON. EROSTRATO. PASIPHILLO. POLINESTA. NEVOLA.
and other feruaunts

5 W E are come vnto you fir, to turne you forowe into ioy and gladneffe: the forow, we meane, that of force you haue fustained fince this mifhappe of late fallen in your houfe. But be you of good comforte fir, and affure your felfe, that this yong man which youthfully and not maliciously hath committed this amorons offence, is verie well able (with confent of this worthie man his father) to make you fufficient amendes: being borne in *Cathanea* of *Sicilia*, of a noble houfe, no way inferiour vnto you, and of wealth (by y^e 10 reporte of fuche as knowe it) farre excéeding that of yours.

Phi. And I here in proper perfon, doe prefente vnto you fir, not onely my affured frendfhip and brotherhoode, but do earnestly defire you to accepte my poore childe (though vn- 15 worthy) as your fonne in lawe: and for recompence of the iniurie he hath done you, I profer my whole lands in dower to your daughter: yea and more would, if more I might.

Cle. And I fir, who haue hitherto fo earnestly defired your daughter in mariage, doe now willingly yelde vp and quite claime to this yong man, who both for his yeares and

20 for the loue he beareth hir, is moft méetefte to be hir hufbād.
 For wher I was defirous of a wife by whom I might haue
 yffue, to leaue that litle which god hath fent me: now haue
 I litle néede, that (thankes be to god) haue founde my déere-
 ly beloued fonne, whō I lofte of a childe at y^e fiege of *Otranto*.

25 Da. Worthy gentlemā, your friendship, your alliaunce,
 and the nobilitie of your birthe are fuche, as I haue muche
 more caufe to defire them of you than you to request of me
 that which is already graunted. Therfore I gladly, and wil-
 lingly receiue the fame, and thinke my felfe moſte happie
 30 now of all my life paſt, that I haue gottē ſo toward a ſonne
 in lawe to my felfe, and ſo worthye a father in lawe to my
 daughter: yea and muche the greater is my contentation,
 ſince this worthie gentleman maifter Cleander, doth holde
 himſelfe ſatiſfied. And now behold your ſonne.

35 Ero. O father.

Paſ. Beholde the naturall loue of the childe to the father:
 for inwarde ioye he cannot pronounce one worde, in ſteade
 wherof he ſendeth fobbes and teares to tell the effect of his
 inward inuention. But why doe you abide here abroad? wil
 40 it pleaſe you to goe into the houſe fir?

Da. Paſiphilo hath faide well: will it pleaſe you to goe in
 fir?

Ne. Here I haue brought you fir, bothe fetters & boltes.

Da. Away with them now.

45 Ne. Yea, but what ſhal I doe with them?

Da. Marie I will tell thée Neuola: to make a righte ende
 of our ſuppofes, lay one of thoſe boltes in the fire, and make
 thée a ſuppofitorie as long as mine arme, God ſaue the ſam-
 ple. Nobles and gentlemen, if you ſuppoſe that our ſuppo-
 ſes haue giuen you ſufficient caufe of delighte, ſhewe ſome
 50 token, whereby we may ſuppoſe you are content.

Et plauserunt.

FINIS.

