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Side: Dogberry

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DOGBERRY

Are you good men and true?

Watchman

Yea!.

DOGBERRY

This is your charge: you shall comprehend all vagrom men; you are to bid any man stand, in the prince's name.

Watchman

How if a' will not stand?

DOGBERRY

Why, then, take no note of him, but let him go; and presently call the rest of the watch together and thank God you are rid of a knave.

Watchman

If he will not stand when he is bidden, he is none of the prince's subjects.

DOGBERRY

True, and they are to meddle with none but the prince's subjects. You shall also make no noise in the streets.

Watchman

We will rather sleep than talk.

DOGBERRY

I cannot see how sleeping should offend: only, have a care that your bills be not stolen. Well, you are to call at all the ale-houses, and bid those that are drunk get them to bed.

Watchman

How if they will not?

DOGBERRY

Why, then, let them alone till they are sober.

Watchman

Well, sir.

DOGBERRY



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If you meet a thief, you may suspect him, by virtue of your office, to be no true man; and, for such kind of men, the less you meddle or make with them, why the more is for your honesty.

Watchman

If we know him to be a thief, shall we not lay hands on him?

DOGBERRY

Truly, by your office, you may; but I think the most peaceable way for you is to let him show himself what he is and steal out of your company.

VERGES

You have been always called a merciful man, partner.

DOGBERRY

Truly, I would not hang a dog by my will, much more a man who hath any honesty in him.

If you hear a child cry in the night, you must call to the nurse and bid her still it.

Watchman

How if the nurse be asleep and will not hear us?

DOGBERRY

Why, then, depart in peace, and let the child wake her with crying.

This is the end of the charge: for, indeed, the watch ought to offend no man; and it is an offence to stay a man against his will.

good night: an there be
any matter of weight chances, call up me:
Come, neighbour.