
FTLN 0059	LEONATO	You must not, sir, mistake my niece. There is	
FTLN 0060		a kind of merry war betwixt Signior Benedick and	60
FTLN 0061		her. They never meet but there's a skirmish of wit	
FTLN 0062		between them.	
FTLN 0063	BEATRICE	Alas, he gets nothing by that. In our last	
FTLN 0064		conflict, four of his five wits went halting off, and	
FTLN 0065		now is the whole man governed with one, so that if	65
FTLN 0066		he have wit enough to keep himself warm, let him	
FTLN 0067		bear it for a difference between himself and his	
FTLN 0068		horse, for it is all the wealth that he hath left to	
FTLN 0069		be known a reasonable creature. Who is his companion	
FTLN 0070		now? He hath every month a new sworn	70
FTLN 0071		brother.	
FTLN 0072	MESSENGER	Is 't possible?	
FTLN 0073	BEATRICE	Very easily possible. He wears his faith but	
FTLN 0074		as the fashion of his hat; it ever changes with the	
FTLN 0075		next block.	75
FTLN 0076	MESSENGER	I see, lady, the gentleman is not in your	
FTLN 0077		books.	
FTLN 0078	BEATRICE	No. An he were, I would burn my study. But	
FTLN 0079		I pray you, who is his companion? Is there no	
FTLN 0080		young squarer now that will make a voyage with	80
FTLN 0081		him to the devil?	
FTLN 0082	MESSENGER	He is most in the company of the right	
FTLN 0083		noble Claudio.	
FTLN 0084	BEATRICE	O Lord, he will hang upon him like a	
FTLN 0085		disease! He is sooner caught than the pestilence,	85
FTLN 0086		and the taker runs presently mad. God help the	
FTLN 0087		noble Claudio! If he have caught the Benedick, it	
FTLN 0088		will cost him a thousand pound ere he be cured.	
FTLN 0089	MESSENGER	I will hold friends with you, lady.	
FTLN 0090	BEATRICE	Do, good friend.	90
FTLN 0091	LEONATO	You will never run mad, niece.	
FTLN 0092	BEATRICE	No, not till a hot January.	
FTLN 0093	MESSENGER	Don Pedro is approached.	

*Enter Don Pedro, [Prince of Aragon, with] Claudio,
Benedick, Balthasar, and John the Bastard.*

FTLN 0094	PRINCE	Good Signior Leonato, are you come to meet	
FTLN 0095		your trouble? The fashion of the world is to avoid	95
FTLN 0096		cost, and you encounter it.	
FTLN 0097	LEONATO	Never came trouble to my house in the	
FTLN 0098		likeness of your Grace, for trouble being gone,	
FTLN 0099		comfort should remain, but when you depart from	
FTLN 0100		me, sorrow abides and happiness takes his leave.	100
FTLN 0101	PRINCE	You embrace your charge too willingly. <i>[Turning</i>	
FTLN 0102		<i>to Hero.]</i> I think this is your daughter.	
FTLN 0103	LEONATO	Her mother hath many times told me so.	
FTLN 0104	BENEDICK	Were you in doubt, sir, that you asked her?	
FTLN 0105	LEONATO	Signior Benedick, no, for then were you a	105
FTLN 0106		child.	
FTLN 0107	PRINCE	You have it full, Benedick. We may guess by	
FTLN 0108		this what you are, being a man. Truly the lady	
FTLN 0109		fathers herself.—Be happy, lady, for you are like	
FTLN 0110		an honorable father.	110
		<i>[Leonato and the Prince move aside.]</i>	
FTLN 0111	BENEDICK	If Signior Leonato be her father, she would	
FTLN 0112		not have his head on her shoulders for all Messina,	
FTLN 0113		as like him as she is.	
FTLN 0114	BEATRICE	I wonder that you will still be talking, Signior	
FTLN 0115		Benedick, nobody marks you.	115
FTLN 0116	BENEDICK	What, my dear Lady Disdain! Are you yet	
FTLN 0117		living?	
FTLN 0118	BEATRICE	Is it possible disdain should die while she	
FTLN 0119		hath such meet food to feed it as Signior Benedick?	
FTLN 0120		Courtesy itself must convert to disdain if you come	120
FTLN 0121		in her presence.	
FTLN 0122	BENEDICK	Then is courtesy a turncoat. But it is certain	
FTLN 0123		I am loved of all ladies, only you excepted; and	
FTLN 0124		I would I could find in my heart that I had not a	
FTLN 0125		hard heart, for truly I love none.	125