

# The Two Noble Kinsmen

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## Shakespeare's Globe: The Two Noble Kinsmen (2018)

Theseus discovers them and asks Emilia which of the two she wants, but she is unable to decide. After the battle, Theseus reports that two enemy soldiers—Arcite and Palamon—fought with great valor and ferocity. When Arcite stakes his claim, their friendship disintegrates, and Palamon threatens to brain Arcite with his shackles.

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Emilia, however, can't decide, so Theseus declares that the matter will be settled by combat after all in one month, Palamon and Arcite will fight for Emilia's hand, with the loser to be executed. The central idea in the play is that love can result in enmity between friends and relatives. What is more, Arcite promises to bring him food and drink.

## The Two Noble Kinsmen Play: Play Info & Resources

He envies Palamon: Twenty to one, he'll come to speak to her, And if she be as gentle as she's fair, I know she's his; he has a tongue will tame tempests, And make the wild rocks wanton. Here, though, it seems distant and strange. Among the notable plays he wrote with Beaumont are A King and No King, Philaster, and The Maides Tragedy.

## Two Noble Kinsmen: Act 2, Scene 4

In this story, the two kinsmen are Palamon and Arcite; they are captured while fighting for Thebes against Athens.

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In a hard-fought battle Palamon and Arcite enact prodigies of courage, but the Thebans are defeated by Theseus. I will do it, And this night, or tomorrow, he shall love me.

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Arcite gives Emilia's hand to Palamon before he dies. The Two Noble Kinsmen is essentially an adaptation of Chaucer's Knight's Tale.

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