

MENECRATES. A pirate who works closely with Pompey.

POMPEY.

If the great gods be just, they shall assist  
The deeds of justest men.

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Know, worthy Pompey,  
That what they do delay they not deny.

POMPEY.

Whiles we are suitors to their throne, decays  
The thing we sue for.

MENECRATES.

We, ignorant of ourselves,  
Beg often our own harms, which the wise powers  
Deny us for our good; so find we profit  
By losing of our prayers.

POMPEY.

I shall do well.  
The people love me, and the sea is mine;  
My powers are crescent.

MENAS.

Caesar and Lepidus  
Are in the field. A mighty strength they carry.