

# King Lear

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## SCENE V. Gloucester's castle.

*Enter CORNWALL and EDMUND*

### CORNWALL

I will have my revenge ere I depart his house.

### EDMUND

How, my lord, I may be censured, that nature thus gives way to loyalty, something fears me to think of.

### CORNWALL

I now perceive, it was not altogether your brother's evil disposition made him seek his death; but a provoking merit, set a-work by a reprobable badness in himself.

### EDMUND

How malicious is my fortune, that I must repent to be just! This is the letter he spoke of, which approves him an intelligent party to the advantages of France: O heavens! that this treason were not, or not I the detector!

### CORNWALL

o with me to the duchess.

### EDMUND

If the matter of this paper be certain, you have mighty business in hand.

### CORNWALL

True or false, it hath made thee earl of Gloucester. Seek out where thy father is, that he may be ready for our apprehension.

### EDMUND

[Aside] If I find him comforting the king, it will

stuff his suspicion more fully.--I will persevere in  
my course of loyalty, though the conflict be sore  
between that and my blood.

## CORNWALL

I will lay trust upon thee; and thou shalt find a  
dearer father in my love.

*Exeunt*

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