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**OCTAVIO**

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DIANA.                               What could you do?  
Of course... Stop him? Kill him, if need be?

OCTAVIO. What if it were some nobleman?  
Your family name would be disgraced.  
Best keep things behind locked doors.

DIANA. Nobleman?

OCTAVIO. Aren't there any number  
of fine-born men here in Naples  
who are desperate to marry you,  
who are so foolhardy in love  
they'd try any trick to see you?  
You said he was wearing a cloak  
and Fabio said he had a hat...

DIANA. So he must have been some noble,  
bent on seeing me...And who bribed  
my servants to allow him in,  
being such a loyal and faithful bunch!  
Mark my words: I'll find out who it was.  
If one of my servants did this,  
they'll be out of this house for good.

OCTAVIO. And they would have no cause for complaint.  
My lady, if I may say so,



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OCTAVIO. Truth's sometimes better learned in secret.

DIANA. Sleep on a secret that time'll tell.

Very wise, Octavio. Thank you.