

But, soft; I see the goldsmith: get thee gone,  
Buy thou a rope, and bring it home to me.

*E. Dro.* I buy a thousand pound a year! I buy a rope!  
[Exit Dromio.]

*E. Ant.* A man is well help up that trusts to you:  
I promised your presence, and the chain:  
But neither chain nor goldsmith came to me:  
Belike, you thought, our love would last too long  
If it were chain'd together; therefore came not.

*Ang.* Saving your merry humour, here's the note,  
How much your chain weighs to the utmost carat,  
The fineness of the gold, the chargeful fashion,  
Which doth amount to three odd ducats more  
Than I stand debted to this gentleman;  
I pray you, see him presently discharg'd;  
For he is bound to sea, and stays but for it.

*E. Ant.* I am not furnish'd with the present money;  
Besides, I have some business in the town;  
Good signior, take the stranger to my house,  
And with you take the chain, and bid my wife  
Disburse the sum on the receipt thereof;  
Perchance, I will be there as soon as you.

*Ang.* Then you will bring the chain to her yourself?

*E. Ant.* No; bear it with you, lest I come not in time.

*Ang.* Well, sir, I will: have you the chain about you?

*E. Ant.* An if I have not, sir, I hope, you have:  
Or else you may return without your money.

*Ang.* Nay, come, I pray you, sir, give me the chain,  
Both wind and tide stay for the gentleman;  
And I, to blame, have held him here too long.

*E. Ant.* Good lord, you use this dalliance to excuse  
Your breach of promise to the porcupine:  
I should have chid you for not bringing it;  
But, like a shrew, you first begin to brawl.

*Mer.* The hour steals on; I pray you, sir, dispatch.

*Ang.* You hear how he importunes me; the chain.

*E. Ant.*