

- D wildly overestimates her brothers' capacity for forgiveness "time will easily scatter the tempest"
- They are married "per verba presenti", D reminds A and the audience that marriage by simple agreement of both parties is legally binding
 - She is dismissive of church-controlled wedding ceremonies "How can the church build faster?"
- D proclaims "we now are one" and that they will "lie and talk together"
 - True equal partnership in which they confide in each other
 - Subverts the contemporary norm that women serve men in marriage
- Cariola ends Act 1 by concluding that the Duchess's risky actions show "a fearful madness" and saying "I owe her much of pity"

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