



Tresham, Henry. "Antony and Cleopatra," act III, scene IX [i.e. XI], the palace in Alexandria, Antony, Cleopatra, Eros, Charmian, Iras, &c. Engraved by G.S. & I.G. Facius. London: Boydell Shakespeare Gallery, 1795. Folger ART File S528a3 no. 41 (size XL).

Antony's crisis in Act 3, where he must choose between his duty to Rome and his love for Cleopatra, was a popular subject for artists. In this print by Georg Sigmund Facius for the Boydell Shakespeare Gallery, the swooning Cleopatra is supported by Iras and Eros as she enters to beg Antony's forgiveness for fleeing the sea battle he has just lost. (3.11.43-51).

From an original in the [Folger Shakespeare Library](#)

Licensed under a [Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike 4.0 International License](#) (CC BY-SA 4.0)