



*The ship split on a mighty rock*

Rhead, Louis, artist. "The ship split on a mighty rock" from *Comedy of Errors* [Not after 1918]. Folger ART Box R469 no.60 (size S)

In Act 1, Scene 1, Egeon tells the story of how a shipwreck split his ship and his family apart eighteen years before the action of the play: "We were encountered by a mighty rock, Which being violently borne upon, Our helpful ship was splitted in the midst" (1.1.101-103). Although the action happens off-stage and is reported long after, Louis Rhead chose to depict the moment Egeon's wife loses one of her sons and his servant, both bound to a ship's mast.

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