

The Knights tale.



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This image is a detail from a 1602 edition of the works of the poet Geoffrey Chaucer, who wrote in the fourteenth century. The image illustrates "The Knight's Tale," the first story in Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales*. The tale records the deterioration of friendship between knights Palamon and Arcite as they compete for the love of the fair princess Emelye. Chaucer's story is Shakespeare and co-author John Fletcher's major source for *The Two Noble Kinsmen*.

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