

Scolia 892

ὁ δὲ καρκίνος ὧδ' ἔφα
χαλᾶ τὸν ὄφιν λαβών·
“εὐθὺν χρῆ τὸν ἐταῖρον ἔμ-
μεν καὶ μὴ σκολιὰ φρονεῖν.”

VOCABULARY

ἐταῖρος, -ου, ὁ: companion, comrade
εὐθύς, -εῖα, -ύ: straight(forward); honest
καρκίνος, ὁ: crab
ὄφις, ὁ: serpent, snake

σκολιός, -ά, -όν: crooked; unjust
φρονέω: think; be minded
χαλά < χηλή, ἦ: claw, pincer (*i.e.*, of a crab)
χρή: it is necessary / right (+ *acc.* + *inf.*)

COMMENTARY

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METRE: glyconics (× × | - ∪ ∪ - | ∪ -) in vv. 1, 3, 4;
a telesilleian (× | - ∪ ∪ - | ∪ -) in v. 2.

1. ὧδ' (elision) < ὧδε: *demonstrative adverb of manner* (*i.e.*, 'like this' or 'thus')

ἔφα < ἔφη (3 *s. impf.*) < φημί: 'spoke'
2. λαβών (*aor. pt.* < λαμβάνω): 'take'
3. ἔμμεν = εἶναι: *Epic inf.* of εἶμί (to be)
4. σκολιὰ φρονεῖν: internal accusative construction (*i.e.*, 'to think crooked thoughts', or 'to be crooked minded')

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