

## Scolia 903

ὕπὸ παντὶ λίθῳ σκορπίος ᾧ ἑταῖρ' ὑποδύεται.

φράζεν μὴ σε βάλῃ· τῷ δ' ἀφανεῖ πᾶς ἔπεται δόλος.

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### VOCABULARY

ἀφανής, -ές: unseen, invisible

βάλλω: strike

δόλος, ὁ: trick, trap

ἔπομαι: follow; come from; be caused by (+  
*dat.*)

ἑταῖρος, ὁ: companion, comrade

λίθος, -ου, ὁ: stone

σκορπίος, ὁ: scorpion

ὑποδύομαι: lurk; hide underneath

φράζω: take care

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### COMMENTARY

TEXT: *PMG* 903

METRE: Greater Asclepiad ( × × | - υ υ - | - υ υ - | - υ υ - | υ - )

1. Note that the vowel sounds ᾧ ἐ- in ᾧ ἑταῖρ' run together (synecphonesis) without hiatus or elision.

2. φράζεν: *Epic form of 2<sup>nd</sup> pers. s. mid. imperat.* (i.e., 'take care').

μὴ... βάλῃ: 'that <it> does not...' / 'in case <it>...' / 'lest <it>...'

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