

Julius Caesar Quotes, Act II

Identify the speaker, p. #, and the significance of each.

1. "Since Cassius first did whet me against Caesar,  
I have not slept.  
Between the acting of a dreadful thing  
And the first motion, all the interim is  
Like a phantasma, or a hideous dream."
2. "If not the face of men, the sufferance of our souls, the time's abuse-  
If these be motives weak, break off betimes,  
And every man hence to his idle bed."
3. "Let's kill him boldly, but not wrathfully;  
Let's carve him as a dish fit for the gods,  
Not hew him as a carcass fit for hounds."
4. "For he can do no more than Caesar's arm  
When Caesar's head is off."
5. "Enjoy the honey-heavy dew of slumber;  
Thou hast no figures nor no fantasies,  
Which busy care draws in the brains of men.  
Therefore thou sleepest so sound."
6. "Think you I am no stronger than my sex,  
being so fathered and so husbanded?"
7. "What can be avoided whose end is purposed by the mighty gods?"
8. "Cowards die many times before their deaths;  
The valiant never taste of death but once."
9. "If thou read this, O Caesar, thou mayst live;  
If not, the Fates with traitors do contrive."