BRUTUS **Paraphrase and explain what these words reveal about Brutus’ character.**

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| 65     70 | Between the acting of a dreadful thing  And the first motion, all the interim is  Like a phantasma or a hideous dream.  The genius and the mortal instruments  Are then in council, and the state of man,  Like to a little kingdom, suffers then  The nature of an insurrection.(1) |
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BRUTUS **Paraphrase to explain what Brutus is worried about and what TYPE of IRONY is created. Explain HOW.**

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| 80 | They are the faction. O conspiracy,  Shamest thou to show thy dangerous brow by night  When evils are most free? O, then by day  Where wilt thou find a cavern dark enough  To mask thy monstrous visage? Seek none, conspiracy.  Hide it in smiles and affability. |
| 85 | For if thou path, thy native semblance on,  Not Erebus(1) itself were dim enough  To hide thee from prevention.   1. A dim, dark part of Hades where souls go to await judgment. |
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**BRUTUS Paraphrase and explain the IRONY (type) that is created through his words.**

135 Swear priests and cowards and men cautelous (1),

Old feeble carrions and such suffering souls

That welcome wrongs. Unto bad causes swear

Such creatures as men doubt. But do not stain

The even virtue of our enterprise,

140 Nor th' insuppressive mettle of our spirits,

To think that or our cause or our performance

Did need an oath, when every drop of blood

That every Roman bears—and nobly bears—

Is guilty of a several bastardy (2)

If he do break the smallest particle

Of any promise that hath passed from him

(1) cautious

(2) no true Roman

**CAESAR Paraphrase and explain HOW it characterizes Caesar.**

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| 35 | Cowards die many times before their deaths.  The valiant never taste of death but once.  Of all the wonders that I yet have heard,  It seems to me most strange that men should fear,  Seeing that death, a necessary end,  Will come when it will come. |

**CAESAR Paraphrase and explain HOW it characterizes Caesar.**

The gods do this in shame of cowardice.

Caesar should be a beast without a heart

If he should stay at home today for fear.

No, Caesar shall not. Danger knows full well

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| 45 | That Caesar is more dangerous than he.  We are two lions littered in one day,  And I the elder and more terrible.  And Caesar shall go forth. |
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