

William Shakespeare's COMEDY OF ERRORS |

PLOT SUMMARY

CAMP SHAKESPEARE 2026

- Egeon of Syracuse is arrested in the city of Ephesus, where visitors from his home are not allowed, and he tells a dramatic story about a shipwreck that separated his twin sons and their twin servants long ago.
- The Duke shows mercy and gives Egeon until sunset to raise a huge fine or face a terrible punishment.
- Meanwhile, one of Egeon's sons, Antipholus of Syracuse, arrives in Ephesus with his servant Dromio, not knowing their identical twins already live in the city.
- Confusion explodes when everyone starts mixing up the two Antipholuses and the two Dromios, leading to shouting, chasing, and lots of funny mistakes.
- Antipholus of Syracuse is welcomed into a stranger's home and meets Luciana, who seems to know him and makes him wonder if fate has brought them together.
- The wrong Dromio slams the door shut, leaving Antipholus of Ephesus locked out of his own house and furious.
- A shiny gold chain meant for Antipholus of Ephesus ends up around the neck of the wrong Antipholus instead.
- When Antipholus of Ephesus refuses to pay for something he never received, he is arrested, and many people start whispering that he has lost his mind.
- As the city fills with panic and wild rumors, the Syracusan twins grow frightened and rush to hide inside a church for safety.
- At last, everyone comes face to face, the twins are reunited, the Abbess is revealed as Egeon's long-lost wife, Egeon is forgiven, and the whole city celebrates a joyful family reunion.

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