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"ET TU, BRUTE?" cries Julius Caesar as Brutus and company apply their knives (*Julius Caesar*, Act 3, scene 1, 77). Shakespeare probably borrowed these famous last words from tradition. But, surprisingly, they do not occur in print in this form until about four years before *Julius Caesar* was first published, in *The True Tragedy of Richard Duke of York* (published 1595). This play is believed to be a "bad" (unreliable) quarto of Shakespeare's own *Henry the Sixth, Part 3* (1590-91).

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