The Crucible, Act II Notes

* At the beginning of the act, we get the idea that Elizabeth and John Proctor have a strained relationship.
* Elizabeth questions where John has been all day.
* John sees Elizabeth as “weak,” because she let Mary Warren go to the Courthouse.
* Mary Warren is now a witness of the court.
* Elizabeth accuses John Proctor of not telling on Abigail because he likes her.
* Mary Warren comes home from the court, and gives Elizabeth a poppet (a doll).
* Mary Warren tells the Proctors that Goody Osburn was trying to kill her in court with her spirit.
* 39 women are now accused of witchery, and John Proctor forbids Mary to go back to court.
* Rev. Hale comes to the Proctor house to question them, because Elizabeth has been accused.
* He asks John why he hasn’t been to church, John says because Parris is greedy and he doesn’t like him.
* Hale asks John to say his 10 commandments, but he forgets one- adultery. This is ironic, because it’s the commandment that he broke.
* As Hale is about to leave, Cheever (a member of the court) walks in and asks Elizabeth if she owns a poppet.
* He finds the poppet Mary Warren gave to her and accuses her of witchcraft.
* Cheever explains that at dinner, Abigail fell over screaming, pulling a needle out of her side, saying Elizabeth “witched” her with the poppet.
* Cheever and Hale take Elizabeth to jail for “witching” Abigail.
* John tells Mary Warren they’ll go to the court tomorrow and tell everyone they’re faking.
* Mary is scared, and says no, because Abigail will kill her and tell on John for cheating.