

Examples of μή

φοβούμενος δὲ μή οἱ πεμπόμενοι ἢ κατὰ τὴν τοῦ λέγειν ἀδυνασίαν ἢ καὶ μνήμης ἑλλιπεῖς γινόμενοι ἢ τῷ ὄχλῳ πρὸς χάριν τι λέγοντες οὐ τὰ ὄντα ἀπαγγέλλωσιν, ἔγραψεν ἐπιστολὴν, νομίζων οὕτως ἂν μάλιστα τὴν αὐτοῦ γνώμην μὴδὲν ἐν τῷ ἀγγέλω ἀφανισθεῖσαν μαθόντας τοὺς Ἀθηναίους βουλευσασθαι περὶ τῆς ἀληθείας.

He feared that the messengers would not report the truth, either because of an inability to speak, or a failure of memory or from a desire to please the crowd. So he wrote a letter to make sure that the Athenians could find out his opinion without it being lost in transmission, and then be able to come to a decision about the facts of the matter.

Thucydides 7 8.2

πρὸς τοῖσδε δ' εἰς ἀδελφὸν οἷ' ἐφύβρισας,
σφάζαι κελεύσας θυγατέρ' εὐηθέστατα

And furthermore, what terrible wrong you did to your brother, in telling him to kill his sweet daughter.

Euripides Andromache 624-5

οὕτως ἔδεισας μή οὐ κακὴν δάμαρτ' ἔχῃς.

You were so afraid that you would lose your terrible wife.

Euripides Andromache 626

φράζω μή τις ἔπειτα θεῶν ἐθέλῃσι καὶ ἄλλος
πέμπειν ὃν φίλον υἱὸν ἀπὸ κρατερῆς ὑσμίνης

Take care that no other god wants to take his dear son away from mortal combat.

Homer Iliad 16.446-7

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