

You vs the guy she told you not to worry about



There will be no difficulty, Socrates, in answering your question . . . there are virtues numberless, and no lack of definitions for them; for virtue is relative to the actions and ages of each of us in all that we do



When I ask you for one virtue, you present me with a swarm of them . . . suppose that I carry on the figure of the swarm, and ask of you, what is the nature of the bee? And you answer that there are many kinds of bees, but I reply: but do bees differ as bees because there are many different kinds of them; or are they not rather to be distinguished by some other quality, as for example beauty, size, or shape? How would you answer me?