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Explanation - 08

Whether the nymph shall break.
. shock must fall.

In these lines is mentioned the possible danger to the person of Belinda as apprehended by Ariel. The poet has suggested a pair of alternative probabilities.

Either, Lady Belinda shall lose her chastity or some china jar will receive an accidental crack. Either she will injure her good name by submitting to some scandalous love affair, or she will receive some stain on her new silk dress. Either she will forget to say her daily prayers or she will fail to attend a ball dance. Either she will lose her heart or her necklace, or her lap-dog (Shock) will die accidentally. The death of Shock will be the greatest imaginable calamity of Belinda.

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