

Examples of fear clauses with the subjunctive

οὐ γὰρ ἔδεισά κω μὴ ἔσσωθέωμεν ὑπὸ Σκυθέων μάχῃ, ἀλλὰ μᾶλλον μὴ οὐ δυνάμενοι σφέας εὐρεῖν πάθωμεν τι ἀλώμενοι.

I was not in any sense worried that we may be beaten in battle against the Scythians, but only that we would not be able to find them and then that we may suffer something as we wander around.

Herodotus Histories 4.97

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So I am shamed both for you and for us, your friends, and I am afraid people will think that this whole affair of yours has been conducted with a sort of cowardice on our part

Plato Crito 45e

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οὔτε συνήδει κακὸν οὐδὲν ὃ ἐγὼ δεδιὼς μή τις πύθηται ἐπεθύμουν αὐτὸν ἀπολέσαι,
*nor was he privy to any wrongdoing which I was so afraid of being divulged that I was intent
on his destruction*

Lysias Speeches 1.43

δέδοικα δ' αὐτὴν μή τι βουλεύσῃ νέον·
I fear that she is planning something new.

Euripides Medea 37