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Mayor of Zalamea

Juan Well Captain, if you'd bothered to look down from your great height, you would have seen my father, eager to serve you. You treat him most contemptuously.

Captain I acted most straightforwardly. Boy, you had better watch your tongue.

J I am watching very carefully.

C Since you're present, sir, I'll not chastise your insolent young son.

J Punishment I'll take from father - but I won't from any other.

C What would you do to stop me then?

J Stake my life upon my honour.

C What honour can a peasant have?

J The same as you. Captain, hasn't anyone told you there'd be no Captains if there were no peasants. But peasants could live happily if all Captains ceased to exist.

C By God's name, now I'll slaughter you.