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Ajax: Thersites.....

Thersites: Agamemnon – how if he had boils, full, all over, generally?

A: Thersites.....

T: And those boils did run, say so, did not the general run then?  
Were not that a botchy core?

A: Dog!

T: Then would come some matter from him: I see none now.

A: Thou bitch-wolf's son, canst thou not hear? Feel then.

T: The plague of Greece upon thee, thou mongrel beef-witted lord!

A: Speak then, thou vinewed'st leaven, speak! I will beat thee into handsomness!

T: I shall sooner rail thee into wit and holiness, but I think thy horse will sooner con an oration than thou learn a prayer without book. Thou canst strike, canst thou? A red murrain o' thy jade's tricks.

A: Toadstool! Learn me the proclamation.

T: Dost thou think I have no sense, thou strikest me thus?

A: The proclamation.

T: Thou art proclaimed fool, I think.

A: Do not, porpentine, do not, my fingers itch...

T: I would thou didst itch from head to foot: and I had the scratching of thee, I would make thee the loathsomest scab in Greece. When thou art forth in the incursion thou strikest as slow as another.

A: I say the proclamation.

T: Thou grumblest and railest every hour on Achilles, and thou art as full of envy at his greatness as Cerberus is at Proserpina's beauty, ay, that thou bark'st at him.

A: Mistress Thersites!

T: Thou shouldst strike him.

A: Cobloaf!

T: He would pun thee into shivers with his fist, as a sailor breaks a biscuit.

A: You whoreson cur!

T: Do! Do!

A: Thou stool for a witch.

T: Ay, do! Do! Thou sodden-witted lord, thou hast no more brain than I have in mine elbows: an asinico may tutor thee, Thou scurvy=valiant ass, thou art here but to thrash Trojans, and thou art bought and sold among those of any wit, like a barbarian slave. If you use to beat me, I will begin at thy heel, and tell what thou art by inches, thou thing of no bowels thou!

A: You dog!

T: You scurvy lord!

A: You cur!

T: Mars his idiot! Do, rudeness: do, camel: do, do!