**Aristophanes Acharnians**

**Line 19ff**
Dikaiopolis, crier, Amphitheus: Sunrise Assembly meeting; people in Market Square avoiding red rope, Executive absent, will be late, push and shove; don’t care about peace; Ath going downhill; arrives first; wants to be in deme – no sales there; prepared to heckle anti-peacemakers; people arrive; crier asks who wants to speak.

**Line 302ff**
Chorus-leader, Dika: Don’t want speeches from Spa peace-maker; Dika wants to talk about treaty – chorus anti-; Dika wonders if Spa caused all Ath issues – have their own issues, too.

**Line 378ff**
Dika: Cleon last year’s play.

**502ff**
Dika: Not in foreigners’ presence – Lenaia – so Cle can’t slander.

- **Penguin introduction**
  Previous year *The Babylonians* – mocked politics, Cle had threatened writers: Dia speaking for Aristophanes; attempted to prosecute but likely Council refused; issue of disgracing Ath in front of foreigners.

**Line 479ff**
Dika: defending Spa; mentions Aristo; Cle can’t smear; hates Spa, wants them to have an earthquake – Aths started war by denouncing Magarians (typical behaviour); dispute over Megarian prostitutes; Pericles sent storm to Greece, passed lots of laws (Meg degree); Spa asked to protect Mega – would have been war anyway.

**Line 628ff**
Chorus-leader: parabasis – Atist never said he’s clever before; slandered before, wants recognition; tried to demonstrate democracy; allies eager send tributes – Athenians support Arist, don’t want him prosecuted; Persian king said he should be an advisor; makes people wiser.