

Aristophanes Acharnians

Line 19ff

Dikaiopolis, crier, Amphytheus: 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, Cleon 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 Arist. Cle can't smear; hates Spa, wants them to have an earthquake. Some Aths started war by denouncing Megarians (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 – Arist 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.