

Troilus and Cressida

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Enter Menelaus and Paris, fighting, [then] Thersites

THERSITES The cuckold and the cuckold-maker are at it.±±
Now, bull! Now, dog! 'Loo, Paris, 'loo! Now, my
double-horned Spartan! 'Loo, Paris, 'loo! The bull has
the game. Ware horns, ho!

Exit Menelaus [driving in] Paris

Enter Bastard [behind]

BASTARD Turn, slave, and fight. 5

THERSITES What art thou?

BASTARD A bastard son of Priam's.

THERSITES I am a bastard, too. I love bastards. I am
bastard begot, bastard instructed, bastard in mind,
bastard in valour, in everything illegitimate. One bear 10
will not bite another, and wherefore should one
bastard? Take heed: the quarrel's most ominous to us.
If the son of a whore fight for a whore, he tempts
judgement. Farewell, bastard.

[Exit]

BASTARD The devil take thee, coward. 15

Exit