

SCENE II.

[Shoot within.]

Enter Dull, Holofernes, and Nathaniel.

Nath. **V**ERY reverent sport, truly; and done in the testimony of a good conscience.

Hol. The deer was, as you know, *sanguis*, in blood; ripe as a pomewater; who now hangeth like a jewel in the ear of *cælo*, the sky, the welkin, the heav'n; and anon falleth like a crab on the face of *terra*, the foil, the land, the earth.

Nath. Truly, master *Holofernes*, the epithets are sweetly varied, like a scholar at the least: but, sir, I assure ye, it was a buck of the first head.

Hol. Sir *Nathaniel*, *haud credo*.

Dull. 'Twas not a *haud credo*, 'twas a pricket.

Hol. Most barbarous intimation! yet a kind of insinuation, as it were, *in via*, in way of explication; *facere*, as it were, replication; or, rather, *ostentare*, to shew, as it were, his

Boyet. I cannot, cannot, cannot.

An I cannot, another can.

Cost. By my troth, most pleasant! how both did fit it!

Mar. A mark marvellous well shot; for they both did hit it.

Boyet. A mark! o, mark but that mark! a mark, says my lady.

Let the mark have a prick in't, to meet at, if it may be.

Mar. Wide o'th' bow hand; i'faith your hand is out.

Cost. Indeed, a' must shoot nearer, or he'll ne'er hit the clout.

Boyet. And if my hand be out, then, belike, your hand is in.

Cost. Then will she get the upshot by cleaving the pin.

Mar. Come, come, you talk greasily, your lips grow foul.

Cost. She's too hard for you at pricks, sir; challenge her to bowl.

Boyet. I fear too much rubbing; good night, my good owl.

Cost. By my foul, a swain! a most simple clown!

Lord, lord! how the ladies and I have put him down!

O' my troth, most sweet jests! most incony vulgar wit!

When it comes so smoothly off, so obscenely, as it were, so fit.

*Armado* o'th' one side, o, a most dainty man!

To see him walk before a lady, and to bear her fan!

To see him kiss his hand, and how most sweetly he will swear!

And his page o' t'other side, that handful of wit!

Ah, heav'ns! it is a most pathetical nit!

Sowla, sowla!

[Exit. Ros.]

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