

*Fal.* What, upon compulsion? no; were I at the strappado, or all the racks in the world, I would not tell you on compulsion. Give you a reason on compulsion! if reasons were as plenty as blackberries, I would give no man a reason upon compulsion, I.

*P. Henry.* I'll be no longer guilty of this sin. This sanguine coward, this bed-preffer, this horse-back-breaker, this huge hill of flesh, —

*Fal.* Away, you starveling, you eel-skin, you dry'd neats-tongue, bull's-pizzel, you stock-fish: o, for breath to utter what is like thee! you taylor's yard, you sheath, you bow-case, you vile standing tuck.

*P. Henry.* Well, breathe a while, and then to't again; and when thou hast tir'd thyself in base comparisons, hear me speak but this.

*Poins.* Mark, *Jack.*

*P. Henry.* We two saw you four set on four; you bound them, and were masters of their wealth: mark now, how a plain tale shall put you down. Then did we two set on you four; and, with a word, outfac'd you from your prize, and have it; yea, and can show it you here in the house. And, *Falstaff*, you carry'd your guts away as nimbly, with as quick dexterity, and roar'd for mercy, and still ran and roar'd, as ever I heard bull-calf. What a slave art thou, to hack thy sword as thou hast done, and then say it was in fight! What trick? what device? what starting-hole canst thou now find out, to hide thee from this open and apparent shame?

*Poins.* Come, let's hear, *Jack*: what trick hast thou now?

*Fal.* By the lord, I knew ye, as well as he that made ye. Why, hear ye, my masters; was it for me to kill the heir apparent? should I turn upon the true prince? Why, thou knowest, I am as valiant as *Hercules*; but beware instinct; the lion will not touch the true prince: instinct is a great matter; I was a coward on instinct: I shall think the better of myself, and thee, during my life; I, for a valiant lion, and thou for a true prince. But, by the lord, lads, I am glad, you have the money. — Hostess, clap to the doors; watch to-night, pray

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to-morrow.