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HW #57

The treatment of the beggar tells the reader that the situation in Ithaca is deteriorating. The suitors are getting easily irritable when another led her of the palaceWhen Antinous sees Odysseus as a beggar, he remarks, "'Your highness (Telemachus), swineherd -- why drag this to town? Haven't we got our share of vagabonds to deal with...Isn't it quite enough, these swarming crowds consuming your [The Swineherd's] master's bounty..."" (Book 17 Lines 410-415).  This reaction of disgust and disdain when a new leacher shows up is a common reaction among the suitors. Even the suitors acknowledge that there are too many leachers in comparison to the number of resources left. Therefore, the beggars may be on her own