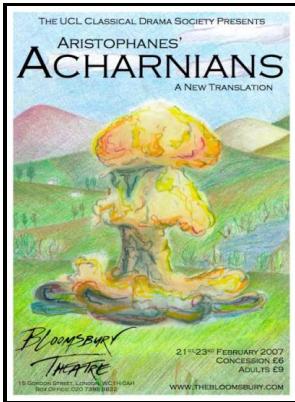


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ARISTOPHANES, Acharnians

Dicaeopolis To one of the girls Will you kiss me? And as such, the gods have entrusted me —me alone- with the peace negotiations with Sparta! DICAEPOLIS What is the matter? Euforides No other man will be able to cheat you, with your shopping. Dicaeopolis —by buying everything before you get to the market — hihih! NICARCHUS Whose are these goods? Dicaeopolis goes inside his house. You dare laugh at me? MEGARIAN We are crying with hunger at our firesides. If only, if only Eros would join us —just you and me together- somehow! I hate the city... but I love the village! No, no, let us follow him; old Acharnians like ourselves shall not be set at naught by a scoundrel, who has dared, great gods! But what else is doing at Megara, eh? Dicaeopolis is examining the strings of garlic hanging from the eves of his house.

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But, citizens, though I am immortal, I am dying of hunger; the Prytanes give me naught.

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The hostage is a basket of Acharnian charcoal but the old men have a sentimental spot for anything from Acharnia or maybe they are simply caught up in the drama of the moment and they agree to leave Dikaiopolis in peace if only he will spare the charcoal. Because soon enough, vintage wines are brought from as a private peace offering. DICAEPOLIS I know nothing about it; the sight of weapons makes me dizzy.

The Acharnians by Aristophanes

But let us prepare for the recital of the parabasis. No religion to put fear into them

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