

## Notes on P. Oxy. XXIX 2506:

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This paper presents notes on P. Oxy. XXIX 2506 (in the following " 2506 "), a manuscript of the first or early second century A.D. containing a commentary concerned with Alcman, Stesichorus, Sappho, Alcaeus and quotations from the authors above, Homerus, Hesiodus, Aeschylus, Euripides, Epicharmus, and Sophron, maybe written under the auctoritas of Aristoteles, Chamaeleon, Dicaearchus, Aristarch, and Satyrus. ${ }^{1}$ The first editor, Denys Page, noted: "This is not an easy text ..." 2 and, in fact, it is still a matter of debate which kind of text or commentary the papyrus contains and to which category of work 2506 belongs, since "the work seems not to have been a commentary in the strict sense, but rather a series of discussions of individual problems, for the most part biographical." ${ }^{3}$ The question remains if this text is a commentary, a treatise, or $\pi$ rei-Literatur? ${ }^{4}$ This question is, with all due respect, for others to answer. My

[^0]aim in this paper is to share some observations I made on the piece, both on the passages concerned with Lyric as well as the passages concerned with Drama.

Fr. 1(a) col. ii.9-16:

| Qıстıкп[ | $1 \bigcirc$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| * $\tau \omega \pi \mu$.[ | ] $\pi \times$ ıс | 10 |
| $\kappa \alpha \lambda \omega c$. | ]ov |  |
| $\pi \alpha$ тоо [ | ]. |  |
| $\delta \alpha \mu \alpha \mathrm{c}$ |  | 1 |
| . o \% $\alpha$ ¢ ${ }^{\text {[ }}$ |  | ] |
| [.]. $¢ \eta .[$ |  | ] 15 |
| [ |  | ] |

$10 \tau \omega \pi \tau \mu$. [ Reinfelder (one faint trace of ink visible under the microscope) : $\tau \omega \pi \tau \mu$ [ Page 1963, 2 11-12 $\tau$ ]oṽ | $\pi \alpha \tau$ @óc? Reinfelder $13 \delta \alpha \mu \alpha c[-$ ? Reinfelder

10 contains the beginning of a quotation from poetry, probably lyric (a choral song from tragedy, e.g. by Aeschylus, also remains within the possibilities), as indicated by ${ }^{f}(\chi \varrho \tilde{\eta} c ı c)^{5}$ and $\bigcirc$ in 9 . $\bigcirc$ was probably used to divide the lemmata. It is unclear, how long the quotation runs. The first letter in $10, \tau$, has an unusual appearance: on the lower, preserved part of the letter there are remains of a stroke running diagonally (/) visible. If this is the rest of a stroke indicating deletion, one could argue for a form of $\omega \pi \iota \mu \varepsilon \lambda \eta \tau$ óc, or for $\pi i ́ \mu \pi \lambda \varepsilon \tau \alpha .{ }^{6}$ In the first case we would print (assuming a column width of ca. 18-20 letters) $\omega \pi \iota \mu ¢ \in[\lambda \eta \tau-\ldots$.






 $\tilde{\omega} \Pi \mu \pi \underset{[ }{ }\left[\lambda \eta \ddot{\alpha} \alpha \alpha_{c} . . . ..\right] \pi \alpha i ̃ c$. See for the adjective Orph. fr. 771b Bernabé vũv $\delta^{\prime}$

[^1] $\Pi_{i ́ \mu \pi \lambda \varepsilon \iota \alpha, ~ " a ~ p l a c e ~ i n ~ P i e r i a, ~ s a c r e d ~ t o ~ t h e ~ M u s e s ~ a n d ~ O r p h e u s " ~(L S J ~ s . v .), ~ i s ~ a l s o ~}^{\text {a }}$ among the possibilities. See for the word Str. 7.1.17, 18, 9.2.25, Lyc. 275, and Call. Del. 7.

11-12 If $\tau$ ]o $\tilde{v} \mid \pi \alpha \tau \varrho o ́ c$ is accepted, this might still be part of the quotation. If so, the $\pi \alpha \tau \eta \varrho \varrho$ could perhaps be connected with $\pi \alpha i ̃ c(?)$ from 10. If $\tau$ ]ov I $\pi \alpha \tau$ @óc is not part of the quotation anymore, the word could belong to biographical explanations (cf. also above).

13 Perhaps a form of $\delta \alpha \mu \alpha ́ \zeta \omega$ or $\delta \alpha \dot{\alpha} \mu \alpha c ı$. See for the former e.g. B. 17.41-5 ov่
 $\delta \alpha \mu \alpha ́ c \varepsilon \iota \alpha$ с $\dot{\alpha} \varepsilon ́ \kappa o v-\mid \tau \alpha$. The word appears in numerous lyric passages, cf. LSJ s.v. The latter is hardly attested, see nevertheless $\Sigma 98$ b BEQ Pi. O. 13.98 $\eta \quad \delta \alpha \mu \alpha$ ĩoc
 taming of girls ${ }^{7}$ certainly suits the outlines of a poetic quotation, see e.g. Anacr.











Patricia Rosenmeyer ${ }^{10}$ explains on Anacr. frr. 346 and 417 PMG, and mainly in regard to the word $\pi \alpha i \zeta \varepsilon เ v$ that "we see young girls imagined as horses, playing in a meadow; the narrator sets their playful innocence in a natural setting and contrasts it with his more sophisticated knowledge ... Horace and Anacreon (and Homer before them) take advantage in their poetry of that brief moment in a young girl's life when she is unaware of her own sexual potential, something that is quite obvious to older and wiser observers ... it is impossible to return to that

[^2]former state of whether as a reader or as an active participant in the game of intimacy." Besides, many details of Greek girls' training can be found in the myths around Artemis, even though they tend to concentrate on the most dramatic part of the story, the final passage into life as a married woman. One girl's "taming" is expressed in a number of myths circling around her resistance to "domestication", e.g. the pursuit of the Proetides, the capture of Thetis by Peleus or of Persephone by Hades, the races to win Atalante, and the capture of Helen by Paris.

If one of the proposals is accepted, the word is probably part of a quotation, either running from 9 (in this case also 11-2 $\tau$ ]ov | $\pi \alpha$ ¢@óc is part of it), or a new lemma.

Fr. 1(c).col. ii.2-8 (=A. fr. 489 TrGF, partly). The text as Page prints it:

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A]ic\chiú[\lambda]ос o\mu[..].\alpha[
\Lambda]\alphaк\varepsilon\delta\alpha[\iota]\muóvıov \alpha}[\piо\varphi\alphaí-
v\varepsilonı \tauòv A\lambda[\kappa\mu]\tilde{\alpha}v\alpha[
\gamma\alphà@ èv \tauоĩc `\alphaкıv[0
\alpha<коvc\alpha \tau\alphav \alphá\etaঠ[0v
\pi\alpha\varrho' Ev̉@\omegá\tau\alpha .[
\tau\alphav А\muvк\lambda\alpha[
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According to Page 1963, 31, we should assume that "if Aicxú 1 oc is correct, the tragedian is surely meant" (but see Radt 1985, 511: "fort. Aeschylum tragicum significari verbaque eius afferri censuit Page, vix recte"). ${ }^{11}$ Page 1963, 31 furthermore assumes that "a chorus in Aeschylus might say something like $\dot{\varepsilon} v ~ \tau o i ̃ c$
 ..." This, however, is convincingly proven wrong by Radt 1985, 511, explaining that "utcumque titulus scripti cuiusdam esse ideoque nomine Aicxú $\lambda$ oc non poeta tragicus significari videtur [the quote by Page, cf. above, follows] at èv toĩc ` $\alpha \kappa \iota v \theta$ óotc sermoni poetico vix aptum (et in oratione pedestri, si sollemnium tempus significaretur, ' $\alpha$ кıv $\theta$ íotc sine praepositione et articulo exspectaveris)."

One should follow Radt's argumentation, the lines certainly do not contain a poetical quotation, though they seem to give information concerning Aeschylus, Alcman, and Sparta, as indicated by 3, A $\lambda[\kappa \mu] \tilde{\alpha} v \alpha, 5, \Upsilon \alpha \kappa เ \nu\left[\theta\right.$. and 8 , $A \mu \nu \kappa \lambda \alpha\left[.^{12}\right.$ Hyacinth, whom was given various parentage in mythology, provides local links, as the son of Clio and Pierus, or of king Oebalus of Sparta, or of king Amyclas of

[^3]Sparta. A possible link between these pieces of information might be a chorus in honour of Hyacinth singing in an Aeschylean tragedy, or a satyr play, which might have had the festival for Hyacinth in Sparta (or a journey there, cf. A. Theoroi) as subject. See for the former e.g. E. Hel. 1465-1474 $\tilde{\eta} \pi \sigma v$ кó@ $\alpha c \hat{\alpha} v \pi \sigma \tau \alpha \mu o \tilde{v}$



 should print e.g. ... $\dot{\varepsilon} v$ тоі̃c $\Upsilon \alpha \kappa เ v\left[\theta\right.$ íotc $с \alpha \tau^{\nu}$. One has, however, to admit that no (satyr) play by this title is known and that the quotation fits the linguistic register of Alcman better. ${ }^{13}$

Fr. 1(d).5: Perhaps Пív] $\delta \alpha \varrho o c$, if so, and if 8 still is concerned with Pindar, perhaps $\kappa \lambda]$ ụtóv, or $-\kappa \lambda] \cup ̣ \tau o v . ~ F o r ~ t h e ~ f o r m e r ~ c f . ~ e . g . ~ P i . ~ O . ~ 10.97-98 ~ غ ̇ \gamma \grave{\omega} ~ \delta \dot{\varepsilon}$


 סœó $\mu$ otc, and for the latter fr. 333a.4-9 Snell/Maehler A[ $\pi]$ ó $\lambda \lambda \omega \nu \iota \mu \varepsilon ̀ v ~ \Theta ̣[\varepsilon \tilde{\omega} v ~ I$



Fr. 1(k).6: Perhaps another title, if so, the possible word division would be $\dot{\varepsilon} v$ $\tau] \tilde{\iota} \iota \alpha[-$. If the letters form no work title, perhaps $\dot{\varepsilon} \pi \omega \iota \delta \alpha \dot{c}, \omega \iota \delta \alpha ́ c$, or $\varphi \tilde{\omega} \iota \delta \alpha c$.



 tòv $\chi \varepsilon \mu \tilde{\omega} v^{\prime}$ ö入ov.

Fr. 5(b).col. i.18-24 (= Alcman fr. 16 PMGF)

| ]. $\lambda$. | [ |
| :---: | :---: |
| $] \underline{\mu} \mu$ | [ |
| ] $\mu \alpha \nu \alpha$ | [ |
| ]couס¢ | [ |
| ]ca@dı | [ |
| ]. $\mu$ 人ı | [ |
| ].o | [ |

[^4]Page 1963, 33 writes "possibly a reference to Alcman fr. 24 (Bergk), oưס $\dot{\varepsilon}$ | [ $\Theta \varepsilon$ cc $\alpha \lambda$ òc $\gamma \varepsilon ́ v o c \dot{\alpha} \lambda \lambda \dot{\alpha}]$ C $\alpha \varrho \delta i ́-\mid \omega \nu \kappa \tau \lambda$." This probably is correct. Therefore one can argue for $\mathrm{A} \lambda \kappa] \mu \tilde{\alpha} v \alpha$ in 20 . With an average line length of 18-20 letters and 23 reading ]. $\mu \alpha \mathrm{L}$, there is not enough space for the whole fragment, the commentator certainly presents a telescoped ${ }^{14}$ version of the lines, e.g. reconstructions are as follows:

| ]. $\lambda$. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ] $\quad$ H $\alpha$ |  |  |
| $\ldots \mathrm{A} \lambda \kappa] \mu \tilde{\sim} \nu \alpha$ | [ | 20 |
|  |  |  |
| 'E@ucıхаі̃ос $\dot{\alpha} \lambda \lambda \lambda \alpha$ ] Ca@ঠí- [ |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| ].o [ |  |  |
| . . . . . |  |  |
| . . . . |  |  |
| ]. $\lambda$. |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| ... A $\lambda \kappa] \mu \tilde{\alpha} v \alpha$ | [ | 20 |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| $\left.\omega v \dot{\alpha} \pi^{\prime} \dot{\alpha} \kappa \varrho \alpha \sim \nu . . . . . . ..\right] . \mu \alpha \downarrow$ |  |  |
| ].o |  |  |

Considering these telescoped versions of the poem in the e.g. reconstruction and the practice of telescoping (and the fact that notes written beside poems make their way into the text), one might have a look at the corrupt lines $2-3$ of Alcman fr. 16 PMGF. The corruption here might be due to some notes or parallels that made their way into the text and one (or more) ancient manuscript(s) might in fact not have had the text as it is presented in the modern editions, but oúк $\bar{\eta} \mathrm{c}$


 $\left.\dot{\alpha} \pi^{\prime} \dot{\alpha} \kappa \varrho \alpha \tilde{\alpha} v\right)$.

[^5]Fr. 5(b).col. i: Page 1963, 33 comments "2-3 The context suggests $\dot{\alpha} \lambda \lambda \dot{\alpha}$
 is here said to have used $\dot{\varepsilon} \lambda \varepsilon \varphi \alpha ́ v \tau \tau \imath v o c ~ m e t a p h o r i c a l l y, ~=~ " i v o r y-w h i t e ", ~ a ~ u s a g e ~$ quoted by LSJ only from Crates fr. 29 and the Anacreontea. 5-6 $\chi[\varrho] \omega \mid \mu[\alpha$ probable." Though no quotation can be tracked down with certainty, the whole pas-
 perhaps a reference to $\eta \lambda \iota \kappa$ í $\alpha$ in relation to "whiteness" might be established. If so, the lines probably refer to (a) young girl(s) described as "white": men and women, not differing much in their colour in our experience, are described as dark and light in Greek poetry. This might root in their spheres of activity (men work outside the house, women inside) and occurs since Homer. ${ }^{15}$ The whiteness of girls and women can either be used to show that the persons are dead, or that they are fair. ${ }^{16}$ Comparable might be E. Med. 1147-1149 $\varepsilon$ है $\pi \varepsilon \iota \tau \alpha$ ر $\dot{\varepsilon} v \tau$ то

 (with a discussion of textual athenticity following in 118-119): "Since Glauce is the beautiful, young bride of Jason, it is reasonable to assume that $\lambda \varepsilon \cup \kappa \eta ้ v$ describes her 'fair' youth and beauty, not her cheeks 'pale' with emotion. If $\lambda \varepsilon v \kappa \eta \quad v$ means 'fair' in 1148, it ought to mean the same in 923." See also Rhian. fr. 68


 Arist. HA 501b11-13 Toùc סè кúvac סı $\alpha \gamma \iota v \omega ́ c k o u c ı ~ \tau o u ̀ c ~ v e \omega \tau \varepsilon ́ \rho o u c ~ \kappa \alpha i ̀ ~$







 $\dot{\alpha} \mu \beta \lambda \varepsilon i c .{ }^{17}$
$5(b) .15$ perhaps $\dot{\alpha} \gamma \varepsilon \varrho \omega \dot{\omega} \chi \omega c$, though this is hard to restore, cf. Page 1963, 33-34. Add to Page's passages Hist. Alex. Mag. 1.36.3.4.

[^6]Fr．17．2：either concerned with Lydic poetry，or with Lydia．In the first case perhaps another lyric poet，in the second case a restitution is e．g．$\lambda \varepsilon \gamma \varepsilon \varepsilon$
 ］ọ $\tau \tilde{\omega} \nu \Lambda ̣ \cup \delta\left[\tilde{\omega} \nu \beta \alpha-\mid c\llcorner\lambda \varepsilon]\right.$ ćc，к $\alpha \theta^{\prime} \eta \eta \nu[$ ．

17．3：As Page 1963， 35 remarks，＂$\Delta \alpha$ скúl $[\lambda(\varepsilon) \iota v$ might suit the context．＂If accepted，the appearance of the word is a further strong argument in favour of the thesis that Dascylium，seated in Anatolia some 30 kilometres inland from the coast of the Propontis，was of Lydian origin．${ }^{18}$

17．5：$\dot{\alpha} \pi] \varepsilon \kappa \tau о v o ́ \tau \iota ?$, cf．e．g．Lib．Progymnasmata 11．2．6 ．．．$\mu$ í $\gamma v \nu c \theta \alpha \iota \tau \tilde{\omega} \iota$ tòv



 misspelling $\xi>\xi \mathrm{c}$ ，appearing in papyri from the first century on，with examples， Gignac 1975， 141.

Fr．26．col．ii．7－17（＝A．test． $63 \operatorname{Tr} G F)$ ：

> . $\alpha \nu$ [A] $\gamma \alpha \mu \varepsilon ́ \mu \nu o v[\alpha$
> X]оך९[ó@]ouc Eủ $\mu \varepsilon v[i ́ \delta \alpha c$ 10
> ...] . . [.] tòv $\alpha \dot{v} \alpha \gamma[v \omega$ @ı-

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Cт] ŋcıxóoん } \gamma \text { रá@ èctıv [ }
\end{aligned}
$$

> тò O@éctov óтı èctiv $\delta \varepsilon[$ [o-
> $\mu \varepsilon ́] \operatorname{Vov} \alpha u ̉ \tau \tilde{\iota} \delta \tilde{\omega} \varrho o v \pi \alpha[\varrho \alpha \dot{\alpha}$
> $\tau]$ oṽ A $\tau$ ó $\lambda \lambda \omega v o c$



 vix recte ：＂forse $[\mathrm{A}] \gamma \alpha \mu \varepsilon ́ \mu v o v[\alpha \lambda \varepsilon ́ \gamma \omega$ ，］｜［X］oŋ $\varphi[$ óo $]$ ovc E $\dot{u} \mu \varepsilon v[i ́ \delta \alpha c]$ ？＂ Maltomini 1988， 91
 seems obvious，although the trace does not suggest $\gamma$ ．＂Aicxú入o［c $\mu \varepsilon ̇ v \gamma \alpha \grave{o}]$｜


[^7]however, to admit that there is no evidence for any of the possible explanations
 someone else staged another Oresteia, or Aeschylus did, or a possible Iphigenia tetralogy by Aeschylus (A. tri b vii $\operatorname{Tr} G F$ ) might have been called 'O@éc $\tau<\varepsilon\rangle[\omega \alpha] v$


10-1 Though Radt denied it (A. test. $63 \operatorname{Tr} G F$ ), perhaps П@ $\omega$ ] $\tau \dot{\varepsilon} \alpha$ ( $c \alpha \tau^{\nu}$ ) with the first $\alpha$ being written extremely low on the line.

Fr. 26.col. ii.25-27: Montanari 1986 interpreted the letters in 27 as a reference to Satyrus. This is palaeographically possible, cf. the description of the traces in Montanari 1986, 46-47. Schorn 2004, 113 accepts this proposal and prints the text

 "nomen Satyri agnovit Montanari." He further explains in his commentary as 348: "Wie schon der Erstherausgeber Page erkannt hat, sind die hier interessierenden Zeilen $25-27$ wohl so zu verstehen, daß Euripides in der aulischen Iphigenie die Reise der Iphigenie an den Ort ihrer Opferung unter dem Vorwand der Hochzeit mit Achilles dem Lyriker verdanke ... In welchem Zusammenhang Satyros mit dieser Angabe steht, ist unsicher, da der Papyrus in Z. 27 abbricht. Es ist gut möglich, daß sich der Autor für diese Information auf ihn beruft, wie in der vorangehenden Kolumne für die Existenz von zwei Palinodien bei Stesichoros bei Chamaileon. An anderer Stelle verweist der Autor auf Aristoteles, Aristarch und wohl Dikaiarchos." One might argue for the same theme also being treated in an Euripidean Satyr Play. The text might in this case be restituted


Fr. 78: Semonides and Simonides - or just one of them? The fragment explains the different use of words or the use of different words, cf. the supplements pro-
 ỏvó] $\mu \alpha$ тoc. This fr. has not been adopted in PMG. $\theta$ in 9 might refer to a book number ${ }^{20}$, or might indicate that the explanations were concerned with aspiration. If so the first dotted letter is perhaps $\tau$, later $\theta$. Comparing other passages

[^8]from this commentary, it is possible that this discussion refers to one or more authors. The authors who wrote poems fitting the probable supplements were Semonides, who wrote a í $\alpha \mu \beta$ oc/ì $\alpha \mu \beta$ ot against women (fr. 1 IEG) and Simonides, who wrote $\kappa \alpha \tau \varepsilon v \chi \alpha$ í (frr. 537-538 PMG) ${ }^{21}$. There is also the slight chance that the author of the commentary mixed the poets up or assigned both works to either Simonides, or Semonides. ${ }^{22}$ If so, fr. 83 reading ]o $\gamma \cup v \alpha \iota \kappa$ [ in 11 might belong in the neighbourhood of fr. 78. I propose the following, Page's and my (e.g.-) supplements are marked in the apparatus, on the left side the text taken from Page 1963, 18.

| ]. $\mu[$ | ]. $\mu[$ | 1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ] $\varepsilon \iota \mu \alpha \lambda[$ | ] $\varepsilon \iota \mu \alpha \lambda[$ |  |
| ] $\alpha \iota \tau \iota \cup \underset{\sim}{\alpha}$ |  |  |
| ]. $\delta \varepsilon \kappa \alpha[$ | ]. $\delta \varepsilon \kappa \alpha[$ |  |
| ]ор $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ тос $\mu$ [ | òv]ó $\mu \alpha$ тос $\mu$ [ | 5 |
| ] $\omega$ ооvou[ | $] \omega \delta^{\prime}$ òvó $\mu[\alpha \tau \iota$ тov́t $\omega$ ı ह̀v |  |
|  |  |  |
| ]گоvон $\frac{\text { тос }}{}$ |  |  |
| ] $\mu \alpha$ тос $\bar{\theta}$ ठ.[ | òvó] $\mu \alpha \tau$ ос $\bar{\theta} \delta$. [ |  |
| ]. $\alpha \kappa \alpha \tau \varepsilon v \chi \alpha[$ | ]. $\alpha \kappa \alpha \tau \varepsilon \cup \chi \alpha[-$ | 10 |
|  | ]к $\alpha$ ı.[.]ṬOvç[ |  |
| ]vкג.[. .]va.[ | ] $\vee \kappa \alpha .[.]. v \alpha .[$ |  |
| ] $\alpha$ то[ | ] $\alpha$ то[ |  |

5 ỏv]ó $\mu \alpha \tau$ оc et 6$] \omega \delta^{\prime}$ ỏvó $\mu[\alpha \tau \iota$ Page 1963, 44, alia in 5-7 Reinfelder $\mid$ in initio $] \omega$ aut $] \omega\langle\iota\rangle 7$ ]̣̣ Page 1963, 24 : ]c̣ Reinfelder 8 ह̇] $\xi$ ỏvó $\mu \alpha \tau$ тoc et 9 òvó] $\mu \alpha$ тос Page 1963, 44, alia Reinfelder 10 in initio $\tau$ aut $\pi$

Fr. 122: A new Moschus fragment? The fragment might be concerned with Hellenistic poetry. If so, one might print (on the left the text as printed in Page 1963, 24, my text on the right):

[^9]|  |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| ］cтои $\beta$ ¢ $\omega$ vo．［ | ］c đoṽ $\beta$ 亿́ $\omega$ voc̣［ |
| ］r＠ouхovtoc．［ |  |
| ］．$\omega$［ | ］．$\omega[$ |
| ］［ | ］$¢$ |

If this is correct，the fragment might contain references to two works of Mos－



 ह́cto．It is also possible that the author of the commentary mixed some infor－ mation up and thought that the line from the $M \dot{\varepsilon} \gamma \alpha \rho \alpha$ came from the＇Eтı兀 $\dot{\varphi} \varphi \iota \circ$ Bí $\omega v o c$ or that he thought the author of the line was the Bucolic poet Bí $\omega v$ o Cuvovaĩoc，Bion of Smyrna．

Fr．124．col．ii：A new Eupolis testimonium？The text，as Page prints it：

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..[...]ьк\alphaьот[
\varepsilonv..\varepsilonT\alpha\iotac }\alpha\lambda\lambda
к\alphaเ\varepsilonv\tauоьст\varrho.[
\tau\alphaст\varrho\varepsilonс\beta[.] ]!
[
v\eta\mu\mp@code{voc̣. [}
тоוс\pi\varepsilon@⿺т\eta
\tauO[. .]గฺฺฺ
\omegac
ov.[
\omega[
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In 2 and 3 it seems likely that we can discern two work titles．Although I cannot come up with a satisfying solution for 2,3 allows us to squeeze a bit more from this scrap：if we divide the words into к $\alpha i$ ìv $\tau$ oĩc $\pi \varrho$ ．［，we can extract a new fragment from a play：since there are not many poetic work titles beginning with П＠．．．，I would argue for Eupolis＇Пооста́ $\lambda \tau о \iota$, Men of Prospalta（＝frr．259－267 K．－ A．）．${ }^{23}$ The very name Eü $\boldsymbol{\tau}$ o ${ }^{\prime}$ เc would be lost in lacuna，either before 1 ，or in 1 or 2

[^10](or at a later point). If it is lost before 1, . .[. . .]ıк $\alpha\llcorner\tau[$ might also refer to Ev̌̃ if it is lost in 1 or 2 (or at a later point), the content of 1 probably refers to another poet. If another poet was named, 1 might have been part of his name (or the name of a character). ${ }^{24}$ If this is correct, there are two possibilities to understand 4: 1. There might be a connection between our $\tau \alpha c \pi \varrho \varepsilon c \beta[.] \tau[$ in 4, and Eup. Проста́ $\lambda \tau о \iota$ test. i K.-A. (= $\Sigma$ Ar. Nu. 541), for text and explanation see Olson 2016,
 / $\tau \dot{\pi} \pi \tau \varepsilon \iota$ тòv $\pi \alpha \varrho o ́ v \tau^{\prime}, \dot{\alpha} \varphi \alpha v i ́ \zeta \omega v \pi о \nu \eta \varrho \dot{\alpha} с \kappa \omega \prime \mu \mu \alpha \tau \alpha$ ("and no old man who's speaking the lines strikes the bystander with his staff as a way of concealing bad jokes"; part of a tongue-in-cheek catalogue of the nasty features Aristophanes' comedies do not include-almost all of them, however, found in Clouds itself) ... Prospaltioi included an old man who told bad jokes and hit another person with a stick ... seems specific enough to be believable ..." and to print the following supplements in 1-4 (of which the second postulates that 'the old man' was a known character from Eupolis' comedy/comedies):

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..[. . .]ьк\alphaьот[
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\kappa\alphaì غ̀v \tauоїс П@ọ[с\pi\alpha\lambda\tau\taúotc
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2. An alternative explanation of 4 is that it refers to the beginning of the play: Проста́ $\lambda \tau о \iota$ probably was staged in 429 as the first play Eupolis ever brought on stage. ${ }^{25}$ As Eup. fr. 259 K.-A. tells us, Eupolis was asked at the beginning of the play to give a speech in public. The persons asking for the speech (on their behalf?) might be identified as the $\pi \varrho \varepsilon \varepsilon \subset \beta \varepsilon$ เc from Eup. fr. 259.10 K.-A. or the $\chi$ o@òc $\delta(\grave{\varepsilon}) \Pi \varrho[о с \pi] \alpha \lambda \tau i ́ \omega v$ from Eup. fr. 259.13 K.-A. Similar plots can be found in Ar. $V .54-66$ and $N u .528$. An information on an early play of a poet's career peppered with a metapoetic quote would suit the whole biographic theme of the papyrus well. An e.g. restoration of lines 1-4 might then be:

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..[. . .]ккаьот[
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к\alphaì èv \tauоі̃с Поọ[ст\alpha\lambdaл\tauíoוc
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[^11]Some minor remarks:

Fr. 1(i) and (j).5: $\dot{\alpha} \lambda[\lambda \dot{\alpha} \Lambda \alpha] \kappa \varepsilon \delta \alpha[\iota \mu о v$ เóc?

Fr. 4.1: ]c ov̉ $\gamma$ व́@ $\delta[$ comes immediately to mind, in 3 word division after $\omega$, then perhaps a form of $\varphi \varrho \alpha ́ \zeta \varepsilon เ v$.
 $6(c) .1] \varepsilon v \kappa \omega[$ might still be concerned with whiteness. If so, $\lambda] \varepsilon v \kappa \omega$ [ would be a natural supplement and the fragment might be related to fr. 5 , on which see above. 4 perhaps ] v́ $\tau о \lambda \alpha \beta o ́ v[\tau \varepsilon c, 5$ perhaps infinitives; if so a probable word division is ]vaı к $\alpha i ̀ \tau v$.[, 6 perhaps word division between $\alpha \alpha$, cf.e.g. Pl. R. 609e3

 with blandishment in the voice, though no safe connections between the words can be established.

Fr. 7.2: cт̣vүع@[. perhaps a form or compositum of ctu contain a poetic quotation, cf. the passages quoted in LSJ s.v. ctu $\gamma$ عQóc. 7.2-3 per-

 @ov and $\lambda \varepsilon \gamma$, so print @ov $\lambda \varepsilon \gamma$. [.
 $\beta \omega \mu \tilde{\omega} \nu \eta$ M M $ŋ \eta \nu \alpha i ́ \omega \nu$ к@ $\alpha \tau \varepsilon i ̃ c ~ w o u l d ~ s u i t ~ t h e ~ t r a c e s, ~ b u t ~ t h i s ~ i s ~ o n l y ~ s p e c u l a t i o n . ~$ A connection with fr. 26.col. ii.7-17 would be interesting but can not be established.
 $\pi \alpha \varrho \varepsilon \kappa \pi \varepsilon \varrho \tilde{v} v, 15.3$ probably $v$ ] $\varepsilon \kappa \varrho o ́ v$.

Fr. 18(a).6, 10, 12, and 15 are either marking poetical quotations, or are line fillers. 18(b). 2 word division probably between ọ́ $\alpha$ tc and $\zeta$, cf. e.g. Isocr. Nicocles






Fr. 21.2: ] $\alpha c \alpha v \alpha$. [ is a rare letter combination. Print ] $\alpha \mathrm{c} \dot{\alpha} v \alpha$.[, $\tau] \dot{\alpha} \mathrm{c} \dot{\alpha} v \alpha$. [, cf.




 $\alpha$ เс к $\alpha$ ì $\pi \varrho о с \alpha v \alpha \pi \alpha v о \mu \varepsilon ́ v \omega \nu$ íc $\chi \cup \varrho о \tau \varepsilon ́ \varrho о เ с ~ с \omega ́ \mu \alpha c ı v, ~ \eta ̀ ~ \tau \tilde{\omega} \nu \zeta ข \gamma о с \tau \alpha \tau о \cup \mu \varepsilon ́ v \omega \nu$.

Fr. 25.2: In ] $\alpha \vee \tau^{\circ}$, the high o is either belonging to an abbreviation, or a 'pseudo-abbreviation', as McNamee 1981, 31 n .33 calls them. A possible solution containing a 'pseudo-abbreviation' is $] \alpha \nu \tau^{0}$, with $\tau^{0}$ representing tó. $\tau 0 \tilde{\tau} \tau o$ looks better on first sight, but I have not found any other examples in which $\tau^{0}$ repre-



Fr. 88.4 word division prob. between $] \mu \varepsilon \lambda \lambda \varepsilon$ and $\delta \alpha \mu \omega \nu$
Fr. 101.2 ] $\pi \alpha \varrho \theta \varepsilon v[$ might be a reference to Alcman's Partheneion, but this is most speculative.

Fr. 130.3 perhaps ] $\tau \grave{\alpha} \mathrm{c} \dot{\omega} \leqslant \iota \delta \delta \dot{\alpha} \mathrm{c}$. [, in 5 perhaps the ending of in infinitve -] $\theta \alpha\llcorner$ $\kappa \alpha \tau \dot{\alpha} \tau[$

Though no new approach to understanding the text can be offered here, it seems as if the number of authors mentioned in the papyrus were increased and some new fragments were added to the (particular) collections. Whether this changes our understanding of the text, is, as already written above, for others to discuss.

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[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ See e.g. Porro 2004, 198.
    ${ }^{2}$ Page 1963, v.
    ${ }^{3}$ Lloyd-Jones 1965, 71.
    ${ }^{4}$ DAVISON 1966 raised this question. Similarly Treu 1966, 10 n. 4: "Das Überwiegen peripate-tisch-biographischer Daten vor grammatischen scheint, wie Pfeiffer (mündlich) betont, die Klassifizierung als "comment" näherzulegen denn die als "commentary"." See also ContiadesTsitsoni 1988, 1: "Der Kommentar ist nicht nach gewöhnlicher Art abgefasst; er enthält nämlich

[^1]:    keine fortlaufende Exegese zu einem Autor, zu einzelnen Gedichtbüchern oder Gedichten, sondern erörtert bestimmte nicht zusammenhängende Themen, und bringt dazu Zitate." For the most recent account of the nature of the text see PORRO 2004, 197-198 and the discussion in DE Kreij 2019 forthcoming (also in relation to other sources like P.Oxy. 1800 and 2438).
    ${ }^{5}$ Page 1963, 31. See for further examples of this abbreviation McNAmEE 1981, 109. It is also possible that the abbreviation means đ@ŋctóv, cf. McNamee 1981, 20-21.
    ${ }^{6}$ But see RÖMER 2013, 144: "... vielleicht begann das Zitat mit ót $\omega \iota$ nach dem Spatium in Z. 9; damit würde es sich also um das Zitat eines Attikers handeln. Möglich ist natürlich auch, dass ó zu $\pi \alpha i ̃ c ~ g e h o ̈ r t . ~ \pi \iota \mu[$ wohl eher von $\pi i ́ \mu \pi \lambda \eta \mu \iota$ als von $\pi i ́ \mu \pi \varrho \eta \mu \iota$. ."

[^2]:    ${ }^{7}$ See for a similar erotic metaphor, the hunt for a fawn, Archil. fr. 196a.31 IEG, Anacr. fr. 408 PMG, and Hor. Carm. 1.23 with Nisbet/HubBARD's 1980 n., and for play as erotic metaphor Anacr.
    
    
     $\dot{\varepsilon} \mu o ́ v \gamma^{\prime}$ ह̌○ $\omega$ - $\mid \tau^{\prime}, ~ \tilde{\omega} \Delta \varepsilon o ́ v v c \varepsilon, \delta \varepsilon ́ \chi \varepsilon \sigma \theta \alpha \iota$.
    ${ }^{8}$ See on the interpretation of the fragment also Gentili 1958, 182-190, Kurke 1999, 191-195, and ROSENMEYER 2004, 173-177.
    ${ }^{9}$ See on the poem also ROSENMEYER 2004, 170-171, discussing the dubious interpretation of Anacr. frr. 346 and 417 PMG on pp. 171-173.
    ${ }^{10}$ Rosenmeyer 2004, 177.

[^3]:    ${ }^{11}$ See on the problem also RÖMER 2013, 142-146.
    ${ }^{12}$ David Weidgenannt remarks per litteras (27/12/2018) that this might also refer to A $\mu v ́ \kappa \lambda \alpha \mathrm{~L}$, situated in Laconia on the right or eastern bank of the Eurotas, cf. in favour of this proposal also $7 \pi \alpha \varrho^{\prime}$ Ev̉@ $\omega$ т $\alpha$. [.

[^4]:    ${ }^{13}$ So also HINGE 2006, 287.

[^5]:    ${ }^{14}$ See for examples of shortenings and modifications in quotations from prose Wright 1948 (mainly on the gospels) and the quotation of Hes. Op. 240-247 omitting 244-245 in Aeschin. Oratio in Ctephisontem 135 (but see West 1978 on Hes. Op. 244-245: "The lines were rejected by Plutarch, followed by Proclus ... Aeschines omits them, perhaps only because the misfortunes they specify were not relevant to his purpose, though the coincidence with Plutarch gives one to pause").

[^6]:    ${ }^{15}$ IRWIN 1974, 112-116.
    ${ }^{16}$ IrWin 1974, 116-117, with passages for $\lambda \varepsilon v \kappa o ́ c ~ m e a n i n g ~ ' f a i r ' ~ i n ~ 116, ~ f o r ~ p a s s a g e s ~ f o r ~ \lambda \varepsilon v \kappa o ́ c ~$ meaning 'dead' (often as a result of suicide) in 119-120.
    ${ }^{17}$ See further Arist. Col. 798b, explaining whiteness as indicating weakness and as a result of bad food supply, similarly also HA 523a10-11, HA 799b (also naming different phases of life as the cause of different coulours, e.g. of hair, and Thphr. CP 3.22.2.

[^7]:    ${ }^{18}$ Cf．Weiskopf 1994 and RÖmer 2013， 152.

[^8]:    ${ }^{19}$ On the dangers of reconstructing tetralogies (or even assuming their existence) see GANTZ 1979, 1980/2007, WOLFF 1957, 1958, 1959, and PODLECKI 1975, explaining on p. 1: "The survival of the whole Oresteia (except for the satyr play, Proteus) seems to have acted as a sort of Siren-song, enticing otherwise sensible scholars into dangerous waters."
    ${ }^{20}$ Book numbers occur sometimes within the text and on a regular basis at the bottom of codex pages, at the 'bottom' of the roll, i.e. below the last column of writing of the roll, and sometimes at the beginning of the roll. The total amount of lines often appears in the vicinity of the book title, whose form is usually work-title in genitive (and book next to it or in a new line) and number. On the phenomenon see CAROLI 2007 and SCHIRONi 2010.

[^9]:    ${ }^{21}$ See generally on the $\kappa \alpha \tau \varepsilon v \chi \alpha$ í PONTANI 2012: Considering the way other works are cited in the papyrus, one could argue for the $\kappa \alpha \tau \varepsilon \cup \chi \alpha$ í being the title of a poem, but this cannot be established. See on the question whether the $\kappa \alpha \tau \varepsilon v \chi \alpha$ í were a singular poem, or a book PONTANI 2012, 22-28.
    ${ }^{22}$ This mix-up occurs from antiquity on, cf. Athen. 14.620b-d and Semon. test. 19 PellizerTedeschi (= Tzetz. Chil. 12.42.47). See also West 1992, 98: "Auctorum qui fragmenta donant codices ubique Cı $\mu$.- praebent." I owe these references to Enrico Emanuele Prodi, Claudio Meliadò, and Giacomo Mancuso. See further for another mix-up Suid. s.v. Cí $\mu \mu \mathrm{L} \alpha$ c (IV 360.7 Adler): the entry obviously deals with Semonides, but names Simmias. See also Choerob. ap. EM 713.17, trying to distinguish the two names using etymological criteria.

[^10]:    ${ }^{23}$ See Storey 2003，230－246 for an overview over play and discussions，for the play possibly being an anti－war play see STOREY 2003，333－337，for a commentary of the fragments see OLSON

[^11]:    2016, 314-364. See for further comedies named after the members of individual demes Aristophanes' Acharnians, Strattis' Potamioi, Antiphanes' Thôrikioi, Philippides' Lakaidai, and Menander's Halieis.
    ${ }^{24} \mathrm{~A}$ similar sounding character is for example Dicaiopolis from Aristophanes' Acharnians.
    ${ }^{25}$ Cf. Eup. fr. 259.3-4 K.-A. and Storey 2003, 56, 65, 174, etc.

