

## On the Authorship of the Strasbourg Epodes: Archilochus, Hipponax, or Both?

The Papyrus:

Passage 1: 115W: P. Argent. 3 fr.1 (ed. Reitzenstein; trans. Gerber)

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π.[ ]ν[...]....[  
κύμ[ατι] πλα[ζόμ]ενος.  
5 κάν Σαλμυδ[ησ]ώι γυμνὸν εύφρονε.[  
Θρήικες ἀκρό[κ]ομοι  
λάβοιεν – ἐνθα πόλλ' ἀναπλήσαι κακὰ  
δούλιον ἄρτον ἔδων –  
10 ρίγει πεπηγότ' αὐτόν· ἐκ δὲ τοῦ χνόου  
φυκία πόλλ' ἔπέχοι,  
κροτ<έοι> δ' ὀδόντας, ως [κ]ύων ἐπὶ στόμα  
κείμενος ἀκρασίη  
ἄκρον παρὰ ρηγμῖνα κυμα....δοῦ·  
ταῦτ' ἐθέλοιμ' ἢν ίδειν,  
15 δος μ' ἡδίκησε, λ[α]ξ δ' ἐπ' ὁρκίοις ἔβη,  
τὸ πρὶν ἔταιρος [έ]ών. ⊗

...drifting on the wave. And at **Salmydessus** may the **top-knotted Thracians** give him naked a most kindly reception—there he will have full measure of a multitude of woes, **eating the bread of slaves**—stiff from the cold. As he comes out from the foam may he vomit much seaweed and may his teeth chatter while he lies on his face like **a dog** at the edge of the **surf**, his strength spent...I would like to see these things, he who did me wrong **trampling on his oaths**, being formerly my friend.

Passage 2: 117W: P. Argent. 3 fr. 2

[ ..[.]..[  
ἡ χλαῖν[α .....]αστινη[  
κυρτον ε[.....]φιλεῖς  
ἀγχοῦ καθῆσθαι· ταῦτα δ' Ἰππῶνα[ξ  
5 οἶδεν ἄριστα βροτῶν,  
οἴδεν δὲ κάριφαντος· ἃ μάκαρ ὅτ[ις  
μηδαμά κώ σ' ἔιδε  
.ρ[..]ου πνέοντα φῶρα. τῶι χυτρεῖ [δὲ νῦν  
Αἰσχυλίδηι πολέμει·  
10 ἐκεῖνος ἥμερος[ν σε τῆς ἀπαρτί]ης,  
πᾶς δὲ πέφηγε δό[λος.

...the cloak...fishing basket (?)...you are in the habit of sitting nearby. **Hipponax**...knows this better than anyone, and so does Ariphantus. Ah, blessed is he who has never yet seen you, you thief with the breath of a goat(?). **Now wage war with the potter Aeschylides.** He robbed (you?) of...and all your deceit has been revealed.

### Passage 3: Food Fit for Slaves

Archilochus (115W): δούλιον ἄρτον ἔδων (Homer, Alcaeus, Euripides, Hippocrates)

vs.

Hipponax (26W) : τρώγων...δούλιον χόρτον (Aristophanes, Pherecrates, Antiphanes, Anaxilas, Sotades)

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