

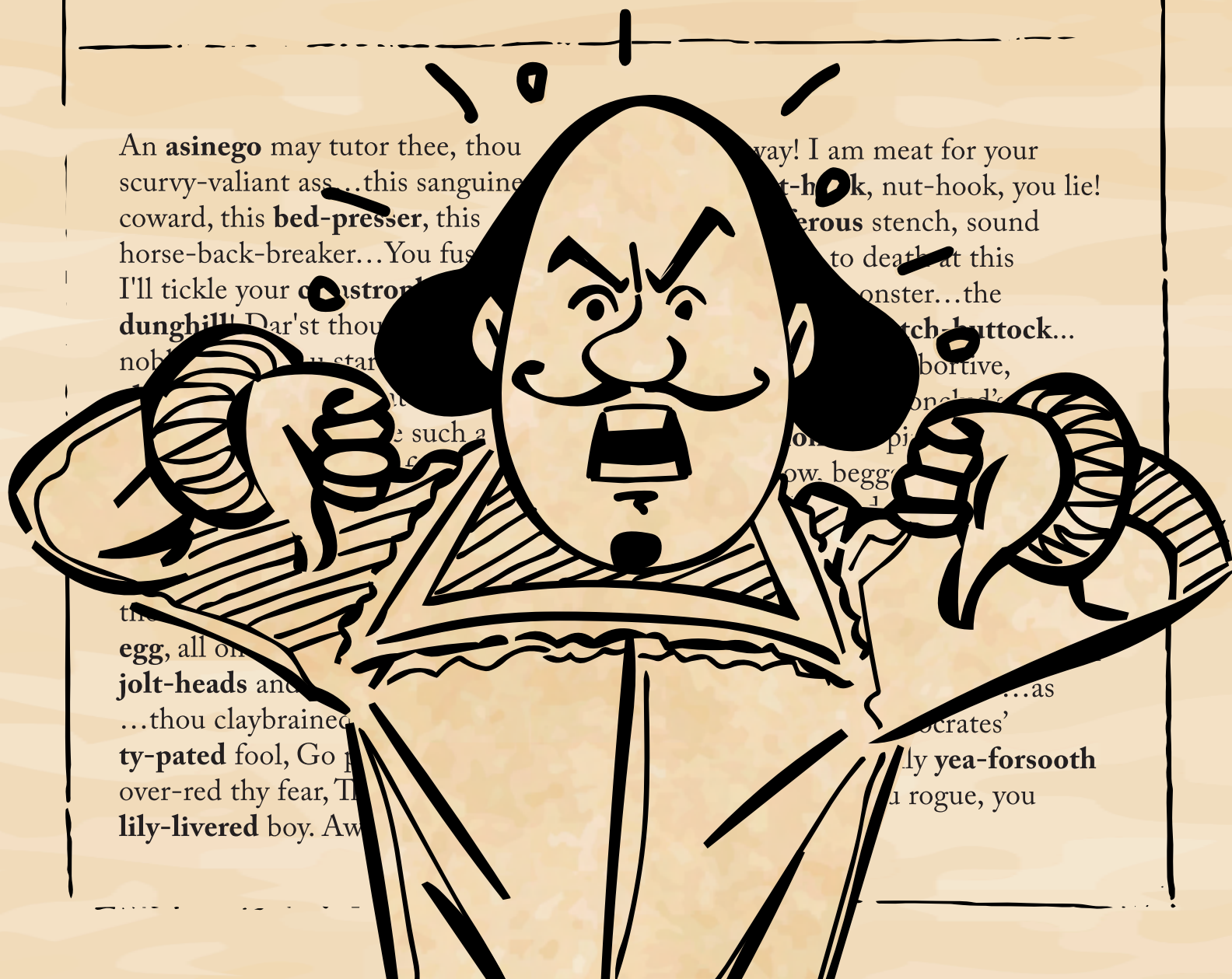


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An **asinego** may tutor thee, thou scurvy-valiant ass...this sanguine coward, this **bed-presser**, this horse-back-breaker...You fust I'll tickle your **caustrod** **dunghill** Dar'st thou nobly...you star... such a... pi... begg...  
way! I am meat for your **nut-hook**, nut-hook, you lie! **ferous** stench, sound to death at this monster...the **catch-buttock**... abortive, **one**...  
the **egg**, all on **jolt-heads** and...as **crates'** **ly yea-forsooth** a **rogue**, you **lily-livered** boy. Aw





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**Shakespeare is the happy hunting ground  
of all minds that have lost their balance.**

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- James Joyce, *Ulysses*

*For the real Shakespeare (whosoever he was)*



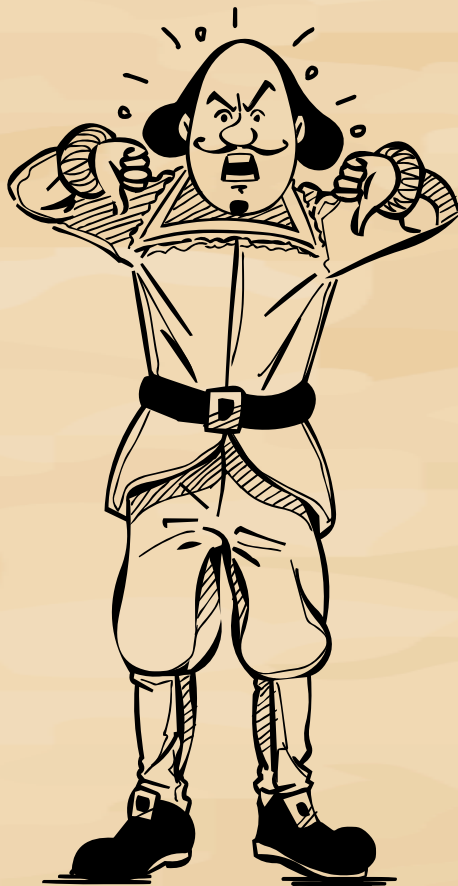
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...an **asinego** may tutor  
thee, thou scurvy-valiant ass.

”

Troilus and Cressida - Act II - Scene I

Thersites: *Ay, do, do; thou sodden-witted lord!  
thou hast no more brain than I have in mine  
elbows; an asinego may tutor thee, thou  
scurvy-valiant ass.*

**Asinego** is "a little ass" or "foolish fellow."  
The word comes from the Spanish *asnico*,  
diminutive of *asno*, "ass". It's a good example  
of Shakespeare's use of foreign words to add  
colour and texture to his dialogue.





“  
...this sanguine coward, this  
**bed-presser,**  
this horse-back-breaker...  
”

Henry IV, Part I - Act II - Scene IV

Prince Henry: *I'll be no longer guilty of this sin; this sanguine coward, this bed-presser, this horse-back-breaker, this huge hill of flesh,—*

A **bed-presser** is someone who's lazy and loves their bed. The word "presser" comes from the Middle English word "pressen", which means "to squeeze". So, a bed-presser is someone who squeezes their bed so much that it becomes flat.

In the play, Prince Hal uses the word **bed-presser** to criticise Falstaff's laziness and his lack of courage.







“  
**You fustilarian! I'll tickle your  
catastrophe.**”

**Henry IV, Part II - Act II - Scene I**

*Page: Away, you scullion! you rampallion! You fustilarian!  
I'll tickle your catastrophe.*

A scullion is a servant who cleans pots and kettles, and does other menial service in the kitchen or scullery, a rampallion is a villain or rascal, and a fustilarian is a scoundrel.

**Catastrophe** here refers to the posteriors. So I'll tickle your catastrophe means something like "I'll kick your ass."

