

The Frogs Quotations

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Quotes

"Forget my courage. Show me the highway ... to Hades." - (Dionysus, The Frogs)

Explanation: Dionysus admits his fear. Though he is a god, he shows cowardice on the way to the Underworld.

"My poetry did not die with me, but his did once he died." - (Aeschylus, The Frogs)

Explanation: Aeschylus claims his poetry has eternal power, while Euripides' works lost value after his death.

"Use worthy people once again." - (Dionysus, The Frogs)

Explanation: Dionysus advises Athens to choose capable and honest citizens for the city's survival.

"When I ... took this art of plays from you, / crammed with bombast to the gills. / ... I ... reduced its weight." - (Euripides, The Frogs)

Explanation: Euripides claims he simplified tragedy. He criticizes Aeschylus for being too heavy and pompous, and presents himself as a reformer.

"I taught them to think, / ... to understand, to love new twists / and double dealing." - (Euripides, The Frogs)

Explanation: Euripides defends his style, saying he made Athenians sharper and more realistic by showing human tricks and double nature.

"But now, you silly fools, it's time to change your ways. Use worthy people once again." –

(Dionysus, The Frogs)

Explanation: Dionysus criticizes Athenian politics. He urges the city to restore honest and capable leaders instead of corrupt ones.

"Brekekekex koax koax Brekekekex koax koax." – (Chorus of Frogs, The Frogs)

Explanation: The Frog chorus sings this comic refrain as Dionysus crosses the river. It adds rhythm, humor, and musical delight to the play.

"It's just and proper in this city our sacred chorus give advice and teach." – (Chorus,

The Frogs)

Explanation: The Chorus explains comedy's purpose. It is not only entertainment but also a guide to teach and advise citizens.

"So now farewell, Aeschylus—go, Save our city with your noble thoughts." – (Pluto, The

Frogs)

Explanation: Pluto allows Aeschylus to return with Dionysus. The line shows respect for Aeschylus's wisdom as a moral savior of Athens.