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NOTES ON P. OXY. XXIX 2506: Comment on Lyric Poems

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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 πεqì-*Literatur*?⁴ This question is, with all due respect, for others to answer. My

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 peripatetisch-biographischer Daten vor grammatischen scheint, wie Pfeiffer (mündlich) betont, die Klassifizierung als "comment" näherzulegen denn die als "commentary"." See also CONTIADES-TSITSONI 1988, 1: "Der Kommentar ist nicht nach gewöhnlicher Art abgefasst; er enthält nämlich

Fr. 1(*a*) col. ii.9–16:

	οιcτικη[] ()		
¥	τωπιμ _. []παις		10
	καλωc _. []00		
	πατρος[].		
	δαμας[]	
	οπατ[]	
	[_]_δη_[]	15
	[]	
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10 τωπιμ_. [Reinfelder (one faint trace of ink visible under the microscope) : τωπιμ[Page 1963, 2 **11–12** τ]οῦ | πατρός? Reinfelder 13 δαμαc[-? 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 \Re ($\chi_0 \tilde{\eta} c_1 c_2$)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, τ , 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 $\dot{\omega}\pi\mu\epsilon\lambda\eta\tau\delta c$, or for $\pi\mu\lambda\epsilon\mu\alpha$.⁶ In the first case we would print (assuming a column width of ca. 18–20 letters) $\dot{\omega}\pi\mu\epsilon[\lambda\eta\tau$ -]παις. See for the word Theocr. 10.54 κάλλιον $\tilde{\omega}$ πιμελητά φιλάργυρε τὸν φακὸν ἕψειν with Σ Κ κάλλιον ἀπιμελητά: πρὸς τὸν Βουκαῖον ταῦτά φηςιν ότι, ὦ πλούςιε καὶ φιλάργυρε, καλὸν ἂν εἴη ςυνήθη ἐργάτην ςε ὄντα καὶ γεωργὸν φακὸν ἕψειν καὶ τούτωι τρέφεςθαι, μὴ τρίβειν δὲ κύμινον, ὃ δεῖγμα τουφητ έστι, μήπως δι' ἀπειοίαν τὴν χεῖρα πληγηις and Σ UEAT ὠπιμελητά: ό λόγος πρὸς τὸν ἐπιςτάτην τῶν θεριςτῶν ὀλίγην τροφὴν αὐτοῖς παρεχόμενον. In the second case we would print $\tilde{\omega}$ Πιμ π [ληϊάς ...,] π αις, or even $\mathring{\omega}$ Πιμπ[ληϊάς] παῖς. See for the adjective Orph. fr. 771b Bernabé vũv δ'

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 χρηcτόν, cf. MCNAMEE 1981, 20-21.

⁶ But see RÖMER 2013, 144: "... vielleicht begann das Zitat mit ὀτωι nach dem Spatium in Z. 9; damit würde es sich also um das Zitat eines Attikers handeln. Möglich ist natürlich auch, dass ὁ zu παῖc gehört. πιμ[wohl eher von πίμπλημι als von πίμπρημι."

ǎγε μοι, κούǫη Πιμπληιác, ἐννεπε Μοῦcα and for Πιμπληίδοc see A.R. 1.25. Πίμπλεια, "a place in Pieria, sacred to the Muses and Orpheus" (LSJ s.v.), is also among the possibilities. See for the word Str. 7.1.17, 18, 9.2.25, Lyc. 275, and Call. *Del*. 7.

11–12 If τ]οῦ | πατρόc is accepted, this might still be part of the quotation. If so, the πατήρ could perhaps be connected with παῖc (?) from 10. If τ]οῦ | πατρόc is not part of the quotation anymore, the word could belong to biographical explanations (cf. also above).

13 Perhaps a form of $\delta \alpha \mu \dot{\alpha} \zeta \omega$ or $\delta \dot{\alpha} \mu \alpha cic$. See for the former *e.g.* B. 17.41–5 où γὰρ ἂν θέλοι-|μ' ἀμβρότον ἐραννὸν Ἀο[ῦc | ἰδεῖν φάος, ἐπεί τιν' ἠϊθέ[ων | cù δαμάτειας ἀέκον- $|\tau \alpha$. The word appears in numerous lyric passages, cf. LSJ s.v. The latter is hardly attested, see nevertheless Σ 98b BEQ Pi. O. 13.98 η $\delta\alpha\mu\alpha$ ioc λέγεται Ποςειδῶν ἐν Κορίνθωι ἀπὸ τῆς τῶν ἵππων δαμάςεως. The metaphoric taming of girls⁷ certainly suits the outlines of a poetic quotation, see *e.g.* Anacr. fr. 346 fr. 1 PMG οὐδε ... [.]c. φ .. α ..[...]..[| φ οβερὰς δ' ἔχεις πρὸς ἄλλωι | φρένας, $\tilde{\omega}$ καλλιπρό[c] ω πε παίδ[ω ν·] | καί ce δοκεῖ μενε[...,].....[| πυκινῶc ἔχους
α[| ἀτιτάλλειν· c[.] .[. . .] . . .[|| τὰς ὑακιν[θίνας ἀ
ϱ]ού
ϱας | ἕ]να Κύπρις ἐκ λ επάδνων [....]'[.]α[ς κ]ατέδηςεν ἵππους[.....]δ' ἐν μέςωι κατῆξας |]ωι δι' ἅςςα πολλοὶ | πολ]ιητέων φρένας ἐπτοέαται·|| λεωφ]όρε λεωφόρ' Hoo[τ](μη,⁸ and fr. 417 PMG πῶλε Θρηικίη, τί δή με | λοξὸν όμμαςι βλέπουσα | νηλέως φεύγεις, δοκεῖς δέ | μ' οὐδὲν εἰδέναι coφόν; | ἴcθι τοι, καλῶς μὲν ἄν τοι | τὸν χαλινὸν ἐμβάλοιμι, | ἡνίας δ' ἔχων ςτρέφοιμί | ς' άμφὶ τέρματα δρόμου· Ι νῦν δὲ λειμῶνάς τε βόςκεαι κοῦφά τε ςκιρτῶςα παίζεις, | δεξιὸν γὰρ ἱπποπείρην | οὐκ ἔχεις ἐπεμβάτην.⁹

Patricia Rosenmeyer¹⁰ explains on Anacr. frr. 346 and 417 *PMG*, and mainly in regard to the word $\pi\alpha$ (ζ ew 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

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. 357 *PMG* δυαξ, δι δαμάλης Έρως | καὶ Νύμφαι κυανώπιδες | πορφυρῆ τ' Ἀφροδίτη | cυμπαίζουcιν, ἐπιcτρέφεαι | δ' ὑψηλὰc ὀρέων κορυφάc· | γουνοῦμαί cɛ, cù δ' εὐμενὴc | ἔλθ' ἡμίν, κεχαριcμένηc | δ' εὐχωλῆc ἐπακούειν· | Κλεοβούλωι δ' ἀγαθὸc γένεο | cύμβουλοc, τὸν ἐμόν γ' ἔρω-|τ', ὦ Δεόνυcɛ, δέχεσθαι.

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.

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 $11-2\tau$] $o\tilde{v} \mid \pi \alpha \tau o$ 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:

Α]ἰcχύ[λ]οc ομ[..].α[Λ]ακεδα[ι]μόνιον ἀ[ποφαίνει τὸν Ἀλ[κμ]ᾶνα [γὰϱ ἐν τοῖc Ƴακιν[θ ἄκουcα ταν ἀηδ[ον παϱ' Εὐϱώτα .[ταν Ἀμυκλα[

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According to Page 1963, 31, we should assume that "if Aἰcχύλoc 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 ἐν τοῖc Υακινθίοιc | ἄκουcα τᾶν ἀηδόνων | αἳ παǫ' Εὐοώτα ἑοαῖcι | τὰν Ἀμύκλαιαν …" This, however, is convincingly proven wrong by Radt 1985, 511, explaining that "utcumque titulus scripti cuiusdam esse ideoque nomine Aἰcχύλoc non poeta tragicus significari videtur [the quote by Page, cf. above, follows] at ἐν τοῖc Υακινθίοιc sermoni poetico vix aptum (et in oratione pedestri, si sollemnium tempus significaretur, Υακινθίοιc 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, $A\lambda[\kappa\mu]\tilde{\alpha}\nu\alpha$, 5, $\Upsilon\alpha\kappa\iota\nu[\theta. and 8, A\mu\nu\kappa\lambda\alpha[.^{12}$ 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

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 Åμύκλαι, situated in Laconia on the right or eastern bank of the Eurotas, cf. in favour of this proposal also 7 παq' Εὐρώτα .[.

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 Å που κόφας Åν ποταμοῦ $| \pi \alpha q'$ οἶδμα Λευκιππίδας Å ποὸ ναοῦ $| \Pi \alpha \lambda \lambda άδοc Åν \lambda άβοι | χφόνωι ξυνελθοῦςα χοφοῖc <math>| Å$ κώμοις Υακίν-Ιθου νύχιον ἐς εὐφφοςύναν, | ὃν ἐξαμιλληςάμενος | † τφοχῶ τέφμονι δίςκου† | ἕκανε Φοῖβος, †τᾶ† Λακαί-Ιναι γᾶι βούθυτον ἁμέφαν <math>|ό Διὸc δ' εἶπε céβειν γόνος, if we assume the latter, we should print *e.g.* ... ἐν τοῖς Υακιν[θίοις cατ^ν. 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 Πίν]δαφος, if so, and if 8 still is concerned with Pindar, perhaps κλ]υτόν, or -κλ]υτον. For the former cf. *e.g.* Pi. O. 10.97–98 ἐγὼ δὲ cuvεφαπτόμενος cπουδᾶι, κλυτὸν ἔθνος | Λοκφῶν ἀμφέπεςον, μέλιτι | εὐάνοφα πόλιν καταβφέχων, I. 1.56–57 παῖδας πφοςειπεῖν τὸν Μινύα τε μυχόν | καὶ τὸ Δάματφος κλυτὸν ἄλcoc Ἐλευ-lcĩνα καὶ Εὔβοιαν ἐν γναμπτοῖς δφόμοις, and for the latter fr. 333a.4–9 Snell/Maehler Å[π]όλλωνι μὲν θ઼[εῶν | ἀτὰφ ἀνδφῶν Ἐχεκ઼[φά]τẹι | παιδὶ Πυθαγγέλω | cτεφάνωμα δαιτἰ಼κ઼λυτ[ον | πόλιν ἐς Ὀρχομενῶ διώ-[lξιππον.

Fr. 1(k).6: Perhaps another title, if so, the possible word division would be ἐν τ]ῶι δα[-. If the letters form no work title, perhaps ἐπωιδάc, ἀιδάc, or φῶιδαc. See for ἐπωιδάc e.g. S. Aj. 581–582 οὐ πρὸc ἰατροῦ coφοῦ | θρηνεῖν ἐπωιδὰc πρὸc τομῶντι πήματι, for ἀιδάc 629–631 οὐδ' οἰκτρᾶc γόον ὄρνιθοc ἀηδοῦc | cχήcει δύcμοροc, ἀλλ' ὀξυτόνουc μὲν ἀιδὰc | θρηνήcει, and for φῶιδαc Ar. fr. 359 K.-A. †παρέco, κατέτριβεν ἱμάτια (B.) κἄπειτά πωc | φῶιδαc τοcαύταc εἶχε τὸν χειμῶν' ὅλον.

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

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]. λ .		[
]ημα		[
]μανα		[
]coυδε		[
]cαqδι		[
].µαι		[
].0		[
	•		•	

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¹³ So also Hinge 2006, 287.

Page 1963, 33 writes "possibly a reference to Alcman fr. 24 (Bergk), $o\dot{v}\delta\dot{\epsilon} \mid [\Theta \epsilon cc \alpha \lambda \delta c \gamma \epsilon v oc \dot{\alpha} \lambda \lambda \dot{\alpha}] C \alpha \varrho \delta \iota \mid \omega v \kappa \tau \lambda$." This probably is correct. Therefore one can argue for $A\lambda \kappa$] $\mu \tilde{\alpha} v \alpha$ in 20. With an average line length of 18–20 letters and 23 reading]. $\mu \alpha \iota$, there is not enough space for the whole fragment, the commentator certainly presents a telescoped¹⁴ version of the lines, *e.g.* reconstructions are as follows:



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 oửk ňc ἀνὴρ ἀγρεῖοc oử-lδὲ cκαιὸc oửδὲ Θεccαλὸc, l Ἐρυcιχαῖοc oửδὲ ποιµήν, l ἀλλὰ Cαρδίων ἀπ' ἀκρᾶν (instead of oửκ ἦc ἀνὴρ ἀγρεῖoc oử-lδὲ cκαιὸc oửδὲ †παρὰ coφoĩ-lciv† oửδὲ Θεccαλὸc γένοc, l Ἐρυcιχαῖοc oửδὲ ποιµήν, l ἀλλὰ Caρδίων ἀπ' ἀκρᾶν).

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").

Fr. 5(b).col. i: Page 1963, 33 comments "2–3 The context suggests $\dot{\alpha}\lambda\lambda\dot{\alpha}$ $d\gamma$ [$\epsilon\nu\epsilon_1 = \tau\eta\nu\eta$] λ κ_1 $\alpha\nu\phi$] $\Lambda\gamma$] η [c] ℓ [$\delta\alpha\mu$ oc. 5 ff. it looks as though here Alcman is here said to have used $\delta \lambda \epsilon \varphi \dot{\alpha} v \tau v \sigma c$ metaphorically, = "ivory-white", a usage quoted by LSJ only from Crates fr. 29 and the *Anacreontea*. 5–6 $\chi[\varrho]\omega|\mu|\alpha$ probable." Though no quotation can be tracked down with certainty, the whole passage seems to be concerned with $\eta \lambda i \kappa (\alpha)$, and in the first part of the fragment perhaps a reference to $\eta \lambda i \kappa i \alpha$ 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 $\xi\pi\epsilon_{17}$ μέντοι προυκαλύψατ' ὄμματα | λευκήν τ' ἀπέςτρεψ' ἔμπαλιν παρηίδα, | παίδων $\mu\nu c\alpha\chi\theta$ εῖc' εἰcόδουc with Page's 1964 n. ad loc. and Irwin's 1974, 118 explanation (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 $\lambda \epsilon \nu \kappa \eta \nu$ describes her 'fair' youth and beauty, not her cheeks 'pale' with emotion. If $\lambda \epsilon \nu \kappa \eta \nu$ means 'fair' in 1148, it ought to mean the same in 923." See also Rhian. fr. 68 Powell Παῖς Ἀςκληπιάδεω καλῶι καλὸν εἴςατο Φοίβωι | Γόργος ἀφ' ἱμερτᾶς τοῦτο γέρας κεφαλᾶς. | Φοῖβε, cù δ' ἵλαος, Δελφίνιε, κοῦρον ἀέξοις | εὔμοιρον λευκήν ἄχοις έφ' ήλικίην and for a similar theme from the sphere of animals see Arist. HA 501b11-13 Τοὺς δὲ κύνας διαγινώςκουςι τοὺς νεωτέρους καὶ πρεεβυτέρους ἐκ τῶν ὀδόντων· οἱ μὲν γὰρ νέοι λευκοὺς ἔχουςι καὶ ὀξεῖς τοὺς όδόντας, οἱ δὲ πρεςβύτεροι μέλανας καὶ ἀμβλεῖς and (similarly) 575a5-12 Όδόντας δὲ κύων οὐ βάλλει πλὴν τοὺς καλουμένους κυνόδοντας· τούτους δ' δταν ὦcι τετράμηνοι, ὁμοίως αϊ τε θήλειαι καὶ οἱ ἄρρενες. Διὰ δὲ τὸ τούτους μόνους βάλλειν ἀμφιςβητοῦςί τινες· οἱ μὲν γὰο διὰ τὸ δύο μόνους βάλλειν όλως οὔ φαςι (χαλεπὸν γὰρ ἐπιτυχεῖν τούτοις), οἱ δ' ὅταν ἴδωςι τούτους, ὅλως οἴονται βάλλειν καὶ τοὺς ἄλλους. Τὰς δ' ἡλικίας ἐκ τῶν ὀδόντων ςκοποῦςιν· οί μέν γὰο νέοι λευκούς καὶ ὀξεῖς ἔχουςιν, οἱ δὲ πρεςβύτεροι μέλανας καὶ $\dot{\alpha}\mu\beta\lambda\epsilon \tilde{i}c.^{17}$

5(*b*).15 perhaps ἀγεǫώχως, though this is hard to restore, cf. Page 1963, 33–34. Add to Page's passages *Hist. Alex. Mag.* 1.36.3.4.

¹⁵ Irwin 1974, 112-116.

¹⁶ IRWIN 1974, 116-117, with passages for λ ευκός meaning 'fair' in 116, for passages for λ ευκός 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.

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.* λ έγει Ανδράμ]υτον ἐν Α[υδοῖς βαcιλεύοντα], cf. fr. 102.2–3 (=Alc. fr. 306. A f.2–3 Voigt)]ο τῶν Αυδ[ῶν βα-lcιλε]ύς, καθ' ῆν [.

17.3: As Page 1963, 35 remarks, "Δαcκύ $|[\lambda(ε)ιον]$ 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: $\dot{\alpha}\pi$]εκτονότι?, cf. e.g. Lib. Progymnasmata 11.2.6 ... μίγνυςθαι τῶι τὸν Έκτοǫα ἀπεκτονότι, but more probable seems]εκτον ὅτ಼ | [Ἀλκ]μὰν ἐν Λυδοῖς | []]çαιτǫ[]] μέλους | []]çκλ[ε]ιναὶ Cáǫ-|[διες?].

17.7: perhaps ἄǫξ]{c}αι τọ[ῦ] μέλους, cf. Plut. *de Musica* 1136 C 3 εἰcὶ δ' οἶ Μελανιππίδην (fr. A 3 del Grande) τούτου τοῦ μέλους ἄǫξαι φαcí. See for the misspelling $\xi > \xi c$, appearing in papyri from the first century on, with examples, Gignac 1975, 141.

Fr. 26.col. ii.7–17 (= A. test. 63 *TrGF*):

 Aἰcχύλο[c μὲν γὰρ]

 Όρέςτ<ε>[ια]ν ποιήςα[c

 .ιαν [Ἀ]γαμέμνον[α

 X]οηφ[όρ]ους Εὐμεν[ίδας
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 ...] ..[.] τὸν ἀναγ[νωρις

 μὸ]ỵ διὰ τοῦ βοςτρύχο[υ

 Cτ]ηςιχόρωι γάρ ἐςτιν [

 ...] .. Ε[ὐ]ριπίδης δὲ τὸ τ[όξον

 τὸ Όρέςτου ὅτι ἐςτὶν δε[δο

 μέ]νον αὐτῶι δῶρον πα[ρὰ

 τ]οῦ Ἀπόλλωνος

7 Aἰcχύλο[c μἐν γὰǫ] Lobel in Page 1963, 11 : Aἰcχύλο[c γοῦν] Sicherl 1984, 9 et 10 **8** Όφέcτ‹ε›[ια]ν Page 1963, 11 : Ὁφέcτ[εια]ν Sicherl 1984, 9 et 10 **8–9** τǫιλο|γίαν Page 1963, 37, [c τǫιλο-][|][γ]ίαν ... Sicherl 1984, 9 **9–10** [Å]γαμέμνον[ά τε καὶ] | [X]οηφ[όǫ]ουc Εὐμεν[ίδαc] Sicherl 1984, 9 et 10–11, vix recte : "forse [Å]γαμέμνον[α λέγω,] | [X]οηφ[όǫ]ουc Εὐμεν[ίδαc]?" Maltomini 1988, 91

7–9 Perhaps [τǫιλο]| γ ίαν or [τετǫαλο]| γ ίαν, cf. Page 1963, 37: "τǫιλο| γ ίαν seems obvious, although the trace does not suggest γ ." Aἰcχύλο[c μὲν γὰǫ] | Όρέcτ<ε>[ια]ν ποιήcα[c δευτε|ǫίαν ... would suit the traces better. One has,

¹⁸ Cf. WEISKOPF 1994 and RÖMER 2013, 152.

however, to admit that there is no evidence for any of the possible explanations of this text:¹⁹ $Oq\acute{c}\tau\langle\epsilon\rangle[\iota\alpha]\nu \pi ou\acute{\eta}c\alpha[c \delta\epsilon \upsilon \tau\epsilon]|q\acute{\alpha}\nu$ would indicate that either someone else staged another Oresteia, or Aeschylus did, or a possible Iphigenia tetralogy by Aeschylus (A. tri b vii *TrGF*) might have been called $Oq\acute{c}\tau\langle\epsilon\rangle[\iota\alpha]\nu$... [$\delta\epsilon\upsilon\tau\epsilon$]|qí $\alpha\nu$ by the papyrus' author.

10–1 Though Radt denied it (A. test. 63 *TrGF*), perhaps $\Pi \varrho \omega] \tau \epsilon \alpha$ ($c \alpha \tau^{\nu}$) with the first α 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 within the Satyrus fragments (his fr. 7): E $\vartheta \varrho i \pi i \delta \eta c \delta \epsilon \kappa \alpha i \tau \eta v I \varphi [i \gamma \epsilon | v \epsilon i \alpha v$ $\dot{\epsilon}$]ποίηcε γαμουμέ[νην | Αχιλλεĩ ± 4] ... Cα[τυ]οο[--- and notes in his app. cr. "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 to ... $\lambda_{\chi i} \lambda_{\epsilon \tilde{i}}$ ev to \tilde{i} tit]le Ca[tú]qo[ic $\delta \epsilon$...

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 proposed by Page 1963, 44: 5 ∂v] $\dot{o}\mu\alpha\tau oc$, 6] ω δ' $\partial v \dot{o}\mu[\alpha\tau\iota, 8 \dot{\epsilon}]\xi$ $\partial v \dot{o}\mu\alpha\tau oc$, and 9 $\partial v \dot{o}$] $\mu\alpha\tau oc$. This fr. has not been adopted in *PMG*. θ in 9 might refer to a book number²⁰, or might indicate that the explanations were concerned with aspiration. If so the first dotted letter is perhaps τ , later θ . Comparing other passages

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.

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 $i \alpha \mu \beta oc/i \alpha \mu \beta oi$ against women (fr. 1 *IEG*) and Simonides, who wrote $\kappa \alpha \tau \epsilon \nu \chi \alpha i$ (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]oy $\nu \nu \alpha i\kappa$ [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.

] .µ[].µ[1
]ει μαλ[]ει μαλ[
]αιτινα[]αιτινα[
]_δεκα[]_δεκα[
]οματοςμ[ὀν]όμ <i>α</i> τος μ[5
]ωδονομ[]ω δ΄ ὀνόμ[ατι τούτωι ἐν	
]ςειςγυναικ[τοῖ]ҫεἰς γυναῖκ[ας ἰάμβοις	
]ξονοματος[έ]ξ ὀνόματος	
]μ <i>α</i> τος θ δ _. [$dv \delta$]ματος $\overline{\theta}$ δ.[
] α κατευχα[].α κατευχα[-	10
]kai.[.]touc[]και.[.]τους[
]νκα.[]να.[]νκα.[]να.[
]ατο[]ατο[

5 ἀν]όματος et 6]ω δ' ἀνόμ[ατι Page 1963, 44, alia in 5–7 Reinfelder | in initio]ω aut]ω
(ν) 7]δ Page 1963, 24 :]ç Reinfelder **8** ἐ]ξ ἀνόματος et **9** ἀνό]ματος Page 1963, 44, alia Reinfelder **10** in initio τ aut π

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):

²¹ See generally on the $\kappa \alpha \tau \epsilon \upsilon \chi \alpha i$ PONTANI 2012: Considering the way other works are cited in the papyrus, one could argue for the $\kappa \alpha \tau \epsilon \upsilon \chi \alpha i$ being the title of a poem, but this cannot be established. See on the question whether the $\kappa \alpha \tau \epsilon \upsilon \chi \alpha i$ 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 Pellizer-Tedeschi (= Tzetz. Chil. 12.42.47). See also WEST 1992, 98: "Auctorum qui fragmenta donant codices ubique Cıµ.- praebent." I owe these references to Enrico Emanuele Prodi, Claudio Meliadò, and Giacomo Mancuso. See further for another mix-up Suid. s.v. Cíµµı α 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.

]τοςμεναυτονταις[]τος μέν αὐτὸν ταις[
]ςτουβιωνο []c τοῦ βίωνος [
]προυχοντος.[ἐπὶ] πϱούχοντος ἐ[ϱείςας				
] _. ω[]_ω[
]3[]٤[

If this is correct, the fragment might contain references to two works of Moschus, in 2 the 'Επιτάφιος Βίωνος, and the Μέγαρα in 3, cf. ἐπὶ] προύχοντος ἐ[φείcαc contained in the poem's line 101: αὐτὰφ ἐπειδὴ παντὸς ἀφίκετο πφὸς τέλος ἔφγου | καφτεφὸν οἰνοφόφοιο πονεύμενος ἕφκος ἀλωῆς, | ἤτοι ὃ λίςτφον ἔμελλεν ἐπὶ πφούχοντος ἐφείcαc | ἀνδήφου καταδῦναι ἃ καὶ πάφος εἵματα ἕςτο. It is also possible that the author of the commentary mixed some information up and thought that the line from the Μέγαρα came from the 'Επιτάφιος Βίωνος οr that he thought the author of the line was the Bucolic poet Βίων ὁ Cμυφναῖος, Bion of Smyrna.

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

.....]ικαιοτ[εψ. εταιcαλλ[καιεντοιcπφ.[ταcπφεcβ[.]τ] [νημενος...[τοιcπεφιτηψ[το[...]πε] ωc[ου.[ω[

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 $\kappa \alpha i \epsilon v \tau o i c \pi q$. [, we can extract a new fragment from a play: since there are not many poetic work titles beginning with $\Pi q..., I$ would argue for Eupolis' $\Pi \rho o c \pi \alpha \lambda \tau o \iota$, *Men of Prospalta* (= frr. 259–267 K.-A.).²³ The very name E $\dot{v}\pi o\lambda \iota$ c would be lost in lacuna, either before 1, or in 1 or 2

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

(or at a later point). If it is lost before 1, ...[...]ικαιοτ[might also refer to Εὕπολις, 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 ταcπqεcβ[.] τ[in 4, and Eup. Προcπάλτοι test. i K.-A. (= Σ Ar. Nu. 541), for text and explanation see Olson 2016, 314: "From a note on Ar. Nu. 541–2 οὐδὲ πqεcβύτηc ὁ λέγων τἄπη τῆι βακτηqίαι / τύπτει τὸν παqόντ', ἀφανίζων πονηφὰ cκώμματα ("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):

.[...]ικαιοτ[εν .εταις ἀλλ[ὰ λέγει καὶ ἐν τοῖς Ποο̞[ςπαλτίοις τὰς ποεςβ[ύ]τ[ερας παιδιᾶς / τὰς ποεςβ[υ]τ[έρου παιδιᾶς

2. An alternative explanation of 4 is that it refers to the beginning of the play: $\Pi\rho oc\pi \dot{\alpha}\lambda\tau o\iota$ 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 $\pi \varrho \acute{e} c \beta \epsilon \iota c$ from Eup. fr. 259.10 K.-A. or the $\chi \varrho \dot{\varrho} c$ $\dot{\varrho} (\dot{\epsilon}) \Pi \varrho [oc\pi] \alpha \lambda \tau i \omega v$ from Eup. fr. 259.13 K.-A. Similar plots can be found in Ar. *V*. 54–66 and *Nu*. 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:

^{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 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.

Some minor remarks:

Fr. 1(i) and (j).5: $\dot{\alpha}\lambda[\lambda\dot{\alpha} \Lambda\alpha]$ κεδα[ιμονιός?

Fr. 4.1:]c où γάρ δ[comes immediately to mind, in 3 word division after ω , then perhaps a form of φράζειν.

Fr. 6(*b*).3 perhaps Tευθϱ]ανίδην [(cf. *ll*. 6.13), or Δαϱδ]ανίδην [(cf. *ll*. 24.631), 6(*c*).1]ευκω[might still be concerned with whiteness. If so, λ]ευκω[would be a natural supplement and the fragment might be related to fr. 5, on which see above. 4 perhaps] ὑπολαβόν[τες, 5 perhaps infinitives; if so a probable word division is]ναι καὶ τυ [, 6 perhaps word division between αα, cf. *e.g.* Pl. *R*. 609e3 cῶμα ἀπόλυcθαι, *Crat*. 417b8 ἀνάλωμα ἀπολύηι, etc., 7]ἐπὶ φωνῆc[, 8] φέϱομεν [?, 9: probably either κολάcεων or κολάcεως, 7–9 seem to be concerned with blandishment in the voice, though no safe connections between the words can be established.

Fr. 7.2: cτυγεǫ[. perhaps a form or compositum of cτυγεǫόc. If so, fr. 7 might contain a poetic quotation, cf. the passages quoted in LSJ s.v. cτυγεǫόc. 7.2–3 perhaps où] κέτι δο[κεῖ / où] κέτι δο[κοῦcι for which see *e.g.* Σ Ar. *Pl.* 873, or où] κέτι δο[ξεῖ for which see *e.g.* Ar. *Lys.* 775, 7.4: word division prob. between qov and λ εγ, so print qov λ εγ.[.

Fr. 10 E. *El.* 673–674 Πǫ. οἴκτιǫε δῆτα coῦ γε φύντας ἐκγόνους. | Oǫ. ^eHǫa τε βωμῶν ἡ Μυκηναίων κǫατεῖc would suit the traces, but this is only speculation. A connection with fr. 26.col. ii.7–17 would be interesting but can not be established.

Fr. 15.2 perhaps] π αρεκ π ε[, cf. A. fr. 31 *TrGF* κǎπειτ' Ἀθήνας Διάδας παρεκπερῶν, 15.3 probably ν]εκρόν.

Fr. 18(*a*).6, 10, 12, and 15 are either marking poetical quotations, or are line fillers. 18(*b*).2 word division probably between οίαιc and ζ, cf. *e.g.* Isocr. *Nicocles* 16.9 ... ὅcωιπεǫ ἑαιόν ἐcτιν ἑνὸc ἀνδϱὸc γνώμηι πǫοcέχειν τὸν νοῦν μᾶλλον ἢ πολλαῖc καὶ παντοδαπαῖc διανοίαιc ζητεῖν ἀφέcκειν, Pl. *Lg.* 857b7 ... οἶc δεῖ ποικίλοιc οὖcιν ἕπεcθαι τὸν νομοθέτην μηδὲν ὑμοίαιc ζημίαιc ζημιοῦντα, and the rather late Symeon Hymn. 143–145 ταῦτα δὲ μὴ λόγοιc ὅλωc | μηδὲ ἐπινοίαιc ζήτει, | ἀλλὰ πῦϱ λαβεῖν ἐξαίτει ...

Fr. 21.2:] α cανα_.[is a rare letter combination. Print] α c ἀνα_.[, τ]ὰc ἀνα_.[, cf. perhaps Str. 17.3.13 Κίρτα τέ ἐcτιν ἐν μεcoγαίαι, τὸ Μαcανάccoυ καὶ τῶν ἑξῆc

διαδόχων βαείλειον, πόλις εὐερκεςτάτη καὶ κατεςκευαςμένη καλῶς τοῖς πᾶςι καὶ μάλιςτα ὑπὸ Μικίψα, ὅςτις καὶ Ἔλληνας ςυνώικιςεν ἐν αὐτῆι καὶ τοςαύτην ἐποίηςεν ὥςτ' ἐκπέμπειν μυρίους ἱππέας, διπλαςίους δὲ πεζούς, or Σ Il. 6.78b.2 A b (BCE³E⁴) ἐγκέκλιται: ἐρήρειςται, ἐκ μεταφορᾶς τῶν καμνόντων ἀρρωςτίαις καὶ προςαναπαυομένων ἰςχυροτέροις ςώμαςιν, ἢ τῶν ζυγοςτατουμένων.

Fr. 25.2: In] $\alpha\nu\tau^{\circ}$, 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] $\alpha\nu\tau^{\circ}$, with τ° representing τό. τοῦτο looks better on first sight, but I have not found any other examples in which τ° represents τοῦτο. In 25.3 read]ζεις τον, cf. *e.g.* E. *Hyp.* 230 cτάζεις, τὸν and Ar. *V*. 695 cù δὲ χαcκάζεις τὸν κωλακρέτην, τὸ δὲ πραττόμενόν cɛ λέληθεν.

Fr. 88.4 word division prob. between] $\mu\epsilon\lambda\lambda\epsilon$ and $\delta\alpha\mu\omega\nu$

Fr. 101.2] $\pi \alpha \varrho \theta \epsilon \nu$ [might be a reference to Alcman's Partheneion, but this is most speculative.

Fr. 130.3 perhaps] τὰc ἀ<νδὰc [, in 5 perhaps the ending of in infinitve -]θαι κατὰ τ[

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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