King Lear

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SCENE V. Court before the same.

Enter KING LEAR, KENT, and Fool

KING LEAR

Go you before to Gloucester with these letters. Acquaint my daughter no further with any thing you know than comes from her demand out of the letter. If your diligence be not speedy, I shall be there afore you.

KENT

I will not sleep, my lord, till I have delivered your letter.

Exit

Fool

If a man's brains were in's heels, were't not in danger of kibes?

KING LEAR

Ay, boy.

Fool

Then, I prithee, be merry; thy wit shall ne'er go slip-shod.

KING LEAR

Ha, ha, ha!

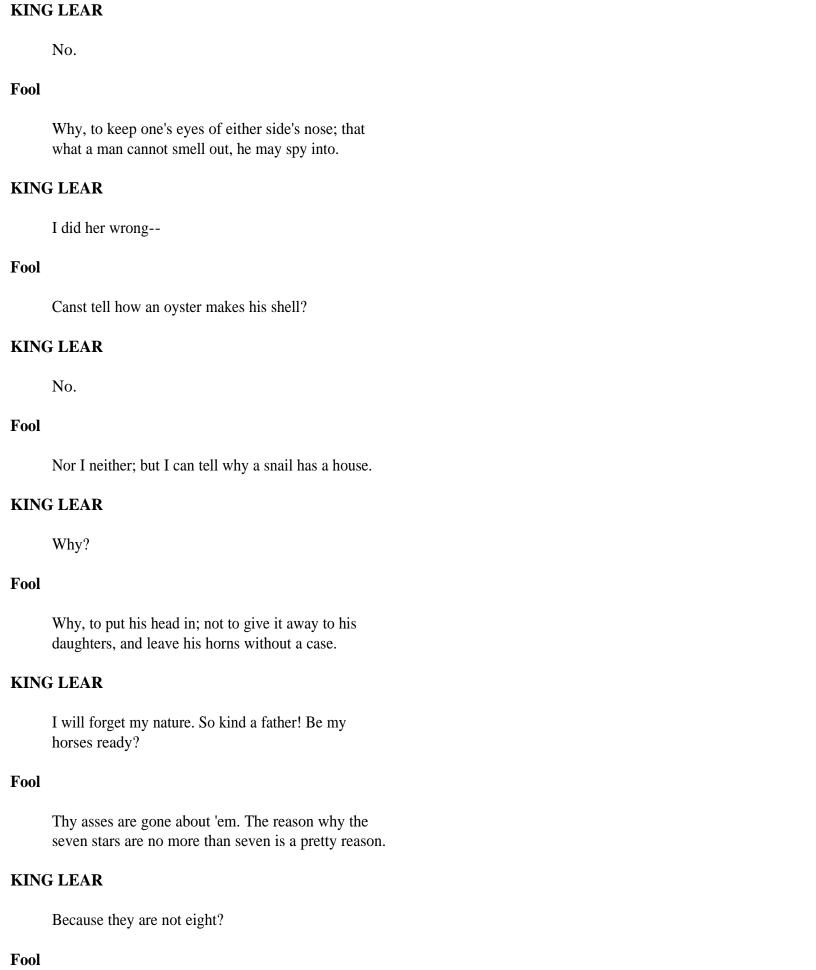
Fool

Shalt see thy other daughter will use thee kindly; for though she's as like this as a crab's like an apple, yet I can tell what I can tell.

KING LEAR

Why, what canst thou tell, my boy?

Fool



She will taste as like this as a crab does to a crab. Thou canst tell why one's nose stands i'

the middle on's face?

	To take 't again perforce! Monster ingratitude!
Fool	
	If thou wert my fool, nuncle, I'ld have thee beaten for being old before thy time.
KING LEAR	
	How's that?
Fool	
	Thou shouldst not have been old till thou hadst been wise.
KING LEAR	
	O, let me not be mad, not mad, sweet heaven Keep me in temper: I would not be mad!
	Enter Gentleman
	How now! are the horses ready?
Gentleman	
	Ready, my lord.
KING LEAR	
	Come, boy.
Fool	
	She that's a maid now, and laughs at my departure, Shall not be a maid long, unless things be cut shorter.
	Exeunt
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Yes, indeed: thou wouldst make a good fool.

KING LEAR