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THE APPEARANCE OF WILLIAM SHAK-SPER BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN*ENGLISH ACTIVITIES

CHAIRMAN: What, is Shaksper here?

COUNSEL: Ready, so please your grace.

CHAIRMAN: I am sorry for you. You are come to answer a stony adversary, an inhuman wretch uncapable of pity, void and empty from any dram of mercy.

SHAKSPER: I have heard Your Grace hath ta'en great pains to qualify his rigorous course; but since he stands obdurate and that no lawful means can carry me out of his envy's reach, I do oppose my patience to his fury, and am armed to suffer, with a quietness of spirit, the very tyranny and rage of his.

COUN: You appear, responding to a summons delivered on you...

SH: ...In the winter of my discontent!

CH: (gavel) Enough! What did he say when the summons was delivered on him?

CO: Said he "Bear my greetings to the Senators, and tell them that I will not come today. Cannot is false, and that I dare not, falser; I will not come today."

CH: Did he say he was sick of something?

SH: Shall Shakeper send a lie? Have I in writing stretched min arm so far, to be afeard to tell greybeards the truth? Marshal, I told them, Shaksper will not come.

CH: (Gavel) Now, Mr. Shaksper, if any further outbursts occur, I will reject you from the hearing room.

CO: Now, sir, this committee, appointed to investigate certain snakes in the grass, gnawing at the roots of the ship of state, has been moved.....

SH: Let him that moved you hither remove you hence. I knew you at the first; you were a moveable.

CO: Why, what's a moveable?

SH: A joined stool-pigeon!

CH: (gavel) This committee seeks information on your denial of god and the Queen. Proceed, counsel, lest this vulture gnaw further at the tree of liberty.

CO: How now, you black and midnight hag? What is't you do?

SH: A deed without a name.