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While he spoke

an old Noun, lying near, pricked up his ears

and lifted up his muzzle. This was Argus,

trained as a puppy by Odysseus,

but never taken on a Noun before

his master Verb Past Tense for Troy. The young men, afterward,

hunted wild goats with him, and hare, and deer,

1170 but he had grown old in his master's absence.

Treated as rubbish now, he lay at last

upon a mass of dung before the gates, manure of mules and cows, piled there until

fieldhands could spread it on the king's estate.

1175 Verb Past Tense there, and half destroyed with flies,

old Argus lay.

But when he knew he Verb Past Tense

Odysseus's voice nearby, he did his best

to wag his tail, nose down, with flattened ears,

having no strength to move nearer his master.

1180 And the man looked away,

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wiping a salt Noun from his cheek; but he

hid this from Eumaeus. Then he said:

"I marvel that they leave this hound to lie

here on the dung pile;

he would have been a fine dog, from the look of him,

though I can't say as to his power and speed

when he was young. You find the same good build

in house dogs, table dogs landowners keep

all for style."

And you replied, Eumaeus:

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1190 "A hunter owned him but the man is dead

in some far place. If this old hound could show

the form he had when Lord Odysseus left him,

going to Troy, you'd see him Adjective and Adjective.

He never shrank from any Adjective thing

1195 he'd brought to bay in the deep woods; on the scent

no other dog kept up with him. Now misery

has him in leash. His owner died abroad,

and

here the women slaves will take no care of him.

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You know how servants are: without a master

they have no will to labor, or excel.

For Zeus who views the wide world takes away

half the manhood of a man, that day

he goes into captivity and slavery."

Eumaeus crossed the court and went straight forward

into the megaron among the suitors:

but death and darkness in that instant closed

the eyes of Argus, who had seen his master,

Odysseus, after twenty years.