

Knights

Talking about corruption of demagogues

"I pick one ~~theiving~~ ^{mining} political leader to fatten"

Paphlagon supposed to be Cleon

derived from the verb 'to boil/bubble'

slaves often pretended to be exotic → Cleon pretending to be something he isn't

made laws that no Cleon masks allowed + Aristophanes previously prosecuted for mocking him

Aristophanes hates his low status mocks that he's from a tanner family

* Non 1st prize at Lenaia *

clearly Athenians enjoyed it!

references

- 3 obols
- Spartan cakes (Pylos)

The Story

Demosthenes (whose character is 1st slave) sieged Pylos + On the verge of victory, Cleon stole the glory