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POINS

Now, my good sweet honey lord, ride with us tomorrow. I have a jest to execute that I cannot manage alone. Falstaff, Peto, and Bardolph shall rob those men that we have already waylaid – yourself and I will not be there – and when they have the booty, if you and I do not rob them, cut this head off from my shoulders.

PRINCE HAL

How shall we part with them in setting forth?

POINS

Why, we will set forth before or after them and appoint them a place of meeting, wherein it is at our pleasure to rail. And then will they adventure upon the exploit themselves, which they shall have no sooner achieved but we'll set upon them.

PRINCE HAL

Yes, but 'tis like that they will know us by our horses, by our habits and by every other appointment to be ourselves.

POINS

Tut, our horses they shall not see. Our vizards we will change after we leave them. For two of them, I know them to be as true-bred cowards as ever turned back, and for the third, if he fight longer than he sees reason, I'll forswear arms. The virtue of this jest will be the incomprehensible lies that this same fat rogue will tell us when we meet at supper: how thirty at least he fought with, what wards, what blows, what extremities he endured; and in the reproof of this lives the jest.