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'Αεὶ μὲν, ὦ παῖ Λαοτίου, δέδορκά σε
πειρᾶν τιν' ἐχθρῶν ἀρπάσαι θηρώμενον'

1. ἀεὶ μὲν] Answered by καὶ νῦν 3. So we find Æsch. Ag. 587. ἀνω-
λόλυξα μὲν πάλαι — καὶ νῦν τί δεῖ λέγειν; Cho. 693—6. πολλὰ — καὶ
νῦν &c.

Λαοτίου] λαοτίου L. pr. (ἀ a m. rec.) L. Λαοτίου (with a coronis, to
denote the contraction from Λαεοτίου) edd. vett. and probably most mss.
This form occurs again 380. Phil. 1286. ὁ Λαοτίου παῖς. 401. Eur. Tro. 425.
Arist. Pl. 312. τὸν Λαοτίου μιμούμενοι. Other forms are Λαέριος and
Λαέρτιος (Ph. 417. 628. 1357.). Λαέρτιος is a contraction of Λαέρτιος.
We find a similar contraction in Λᾶος for Λαῖος Pind. Ol. II. 70. Λαέρ-
του occurs Ph. 366. Fr. 784. Aj. 1393. Λαεοτίου Ph. 87. 417. 628. 1357.
Aj. 101. The form Λαοτιάδης occurs Rhes. 907. Lucian. Tragod. 261.

2. Construe: θηρώμενον ἀρπάσαι πειρᾶν τινὰ ἐχθρῶν, 'seeking to
seize some opportunity against your enemies'. And cf. Eur. Hel. 62. παῖς
ὁ τοῦ τεθνηκότος | θηρᾷ γαμεῖν με. 553. ὅς με θηρᾶται λαβεῖν. Anaxil.
Mein. III. 348. τὸν τρίτον θηρεύεται | ἔτι λαβεῖν. Eur. ap. Stob. Fl. 51,
14. τὸ διαβιῶναι μόνον ἀεὶ θηρωμένη. Πειρᾶν ἀρπάζειν (or λαμβάνειν)
τινός is equivalent to πειρᾶν τινος (as we find in Herod. VI. 82. πειρᾶν
τῆς πόλιος. Thuc. I. 61. πειράσαντες πρῶτον τοῦ χωρίου). Ulysses is
compared with a sporting dog (cf. 6—8.): hence ἀρπάζειν rather than
λαμβάνειν. Compare the use of κλέπτειν 'to obtain by stealth'. Cf. also
Ced. C. 1496 f. 1755. Vanv: 'saisir quelque projet, quelque démarche de
vos ennemis'. Schneid: 'to seize some opportunity against (some attempt
upon) they foes'. Heath rightly connects πειρᾶν ἐχθρῶν 'contra hostes
molimen'. Hermann wrongly construes: θηρώμενον πειρᾶν τιν' ἐχ-
θρῶν, ἀρπάσαι (αὐτήν). Benedict: πειρᾶν θηρώμενον τινὰ ἐχθρῶν
ἀρπάσαι ('ad quendam hostium rapiendum'). Lobeck compares Plat. Rep.
I. p. 334. στρατοπέδον ὁ αὐτὸς φύλαξ ἀγαθός, ὅσπερ τὰ τῶν πολεμίων
κλέψαι καὶ βουλευματα καὶ τὰς ἄλλας πράξεις. Which is not however
a very apposite passage. Teucer is said below δυσμενῶν θήραν ἔχειν 564.
We must not compare Rhes. 141. κἄν μὲν τιν' ἐχθρῶν μηχανὴν πυθώ-
μεθα.

πειρᾶν] 'Attempt, design'. Gl. C: προσβολὴν, ἐπιχείρησιν. Cf. 290.
τί τήνδ' — ἐφορμᾶς πειρᾶν —; 1057. κεί μὴ θεῶν τις τήνδε πειρᾶν
ἔσβεσεν &c. El. 471. Æsch. Sept. 480. τοιοῦδε φωτὸς πειρᾶν εὐφυλακτέον.
Connect πειρᾶν τιν' ἐχθρῶν 'some attempt on your enemies'.