

Henry VI Part 1 abbreviated

Act 1, Scene 2.2

Braggadocio

Situation: Joan of Arc and the Dauphin Charles have their duel; he conceding the contest and quickly recognizing her as a leader of his French forces.

They fight. Pucelle overcomes Charles.

CHARLES: Stay, stay thy hands! Thou art an Amazon.

Pucelle to Charles VII, No. 2

Whoe'er helps me, 'tis I that must help thee.
Excellent King Charles, our new king thou be,
Since I quite burn with desire to free my
Country, as you, let thee be my servant.
Dauphin, to be the English scourge am I.
Most assuredly there's no siege I can't
Not raze. Now, men, expect halcyon days,
Since I have entered now into these ways
Of war. Soft are they for now there's a glitch
In the glories of their conquests. Glory
Is like a circle in the water which
Ne'er ceaseth to enlarge itself widely
Till by spreading it no longer distends.
With Henry's death the English circle ends.

CHARLES: Bright star of Venus, fall'n down on the earth, how may I reverently worship thee enough?

ALENCON: Leave off delays, and let us raise the siege.

REIGNIER: Woman, do what thou canst to save our honors: drive them from Orleans and be immortalized.