

*Enter Lion* 「(Snug)」 *and Moonshine* 「(Starveling)」

*SNUG, as Lion*

You ladies, you whose gentle hearts do fear  
The smallest monstrous mouse that creeps on  
floor,

May now perchance both quake and tremble here,

When lion rough in wildest rage doth roar.

Then know that I, as Snug the joiner, am

A lion fell, nor else no lion's dam:

For if I should as lion come in strife

Into this place, 'twere pity on my life.

*THESEUS* A very gentle beast, and of a good  
conscience.