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An innovative analysis of the witticisms of *hetairai* recorded by Athenaeus that inform us of the verbal genres and conventions associated with them, if not the actual words of historical women. The content and context of these remarks reveal a complex verbal dynamic in which obscene punning challenges social hierarchies, representing the *hetairai* in discursive control. This study contributes to the growing body of scholarship on women's speech and discursive practices and how they reinforce or subvert normative gender roles in the classical polis.