

GREAT KING, PRINCES OF TROY,
TROJANS, THE MAN WHO GIVES JUSTICE
A HOME AT HIS HEARTH RECEIVES
ABUNDANT BLESSINGS FROM
THE GODS.



BUT THE MAN WHO COMMITS SHAMEFUL
ACTS, WHO UPSETS ORDER AND OUT-
RAGES LAW, THOUGH ONE DAY HE
HOLDS WEALTH AND POWER, THE NEXT
HE PLUNGES INTO BLACK DEATH.
EVEN THE POWERFUL GIANTS OF THE
EARTH WERE COMPLETELY
DESTROYED WHEN THEY
DARED TO ASSAULT
THE GODS.



TROJANS, YOU KNOW ME AND MY LINEAGE.
ONCE BEFORE I STOOD AMONG YOU
HERE IN TROY AS AN HONORED GUEST.
MY VISIT WAS TWOFOLD: A PLAGUE WAS
RAGING IN LAKEDAEMON. THE ORACLE
TOLD ME TO COME TO TROY WITH
RICH GIFTS AND MANY
SACRIFICES FOR
YOUR ALTARS.



THE GODS HEARD MY PRAYERS,
ACCEPTED MY GIFTS, AND TOOK THE
PLAGUE AWAY. I PRAISED THE NAME OF
TROY. THEN WITH JUSTICE AND ORDER
GREAT KING PRIAM AND I FORGED
TREATIES OVER TRADE ROUTES.
NEITHER OF US SOUGHT CONFLICT.
WE ARRIVED AT PERFECT
AGREEMENT. PRIAM WAS
MY HOST AND MY
FRIEND.



BUT WHEN I WELCOMED PARIS TO
SPARTA IN FRIENDSHIP, HE REPAID MY
HOSPITALITY WITH EVIL. I KNOW THAT
PARIS WAS RAISED BY FARMERS WITHOUT
THE BENEFIT OF ROYAL SOCIETY. I
EXCUSED HIS SHAMELESSNESS
--HE WOULDN'T KNOW
ANY BETTER.



BUT THE REST OF YOU *DO* KNOW
BETTER. YOU KNOW WHAT JUSTICE IS.
IN JUSTICE'S NAME--IN THE NAMES OF
ALL THE GODS--I CALL ON YOU TO
HONOR WHAT IS RIGHT. RESTORE MY
WIFE, MY CHILD, AND ALL MY PROPERTY
TO ME TODAY. IF YOU DO, JUSTICE
WILL BE SATISFIED AND I'LL
HAVE NO QUARREL
WITH TROY.





