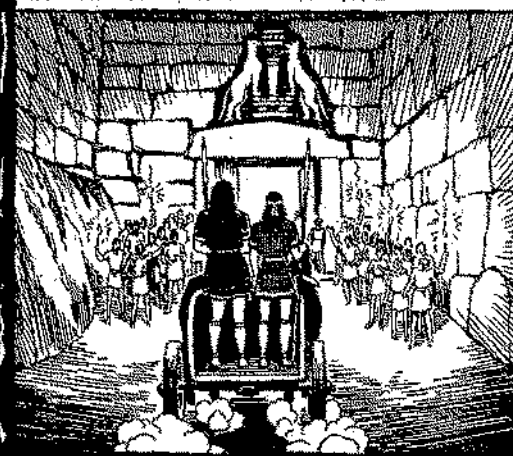


ATREUS VOWED TO SACRIFICE HIS FINEST LAMB TO THE GODDESS ARTEMIS, BUT WHEN HERMES, SIRE OF MYRTLOS, SENT A GOLDEN LAMB AMONG THE FLOCKS, ATREUS KILLED THE LAMB AND CONCEALED ITS GOLDEN FLEECE.



AN ORACLE TOLD THE CITIZENS OF MYCENAE TO FILL THEIR EMPTY THRONE WITH A SON OF PELOPS, SO THEY SUMMONED ATREUS AND THYESTES IN ORDER TO MAKE ONE KING.



SO BEGAN UNRELENTING STRIFE BETWEEN THE BROTHERS. THEY QUARRELLED OVER THE THRONE, BUT AGREED AT LAST THAT THE POSSESSOR OF THE GOLDEN LAMB SHOULD RULE MYCENAE.



ATREUS, OWNER OF THE FLEECE, EXPECTED TO ASCEND THE THRONE, BUT THYESTES HELP A PLAN TO TRIUMPH.

THE KEY TO THYESTES'S PLAN WAS HIS BROTHER'S WIFE, AEROPHE.



BEFORE HER MARRIAGE, AEROPHE HAD BEEN A DRETAN PRINCESS UNTIL HER FATHER, KING KATREUS, CAUGHT HER WITH A LOVER.



KATREUS WAS ABOUT TO CAST AEROPHE AND HER SISTER KLYMENE TO THE FISHES WHEN NAUPLIUS OF EUBOEA RESCUED THEM. NAUPLIUS MARRIED KLYMENE AND GAVE AEROPHE TO ATREUS.



EVEN BEFORE SHE BORE ASAMEN-  
NON AND MENELEUS TO ATREUS,  
AEROPE CONCEIVED A PASSION FOR  
ATREUS'S BROTHER, THYESTES.



THYESTES TOOK  
ADVANTAGE OF HIS  
SISTER-IN-LAW'S PASSION.

I'LL VISIT YOUR BED  
IN EXCHANGE FOR  
ONE THING--THE  
GOLDEN LAMB.

IT'S  
YOURS.



AEROPE GAVE THYESTES THE  
FLEECE...



THE MYCENAEANS GAVE  
THYESTES THE THRONE...



AND ATREUS GAVE AEROPE  
DEATH.



BUT AEROPES DEATH WAS JUST THE START OF ATRAEUS'S REVENGE. HE SECRETLY SLEW HIS BROTHER'S SONS, THEN INVITED HIS BROTHER TO A FEAST.

