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THE CURSE OF ATREUS

GRAMMAR ASSUMED:

Sum: Future & Imperfect Indicative

Possum: Present, Future, &

Imperfect Indicative;

Complementary Infinitive

WHEELOCK: CHAPTER 6

The sad fate of Atreus and his family was a popular subject in ancient literature, especially Greek and Roman tragedy.

Filiī Pelopis erant Atreus Thyestēsque. Thyestēs uxōrem Atreī corrumpit; tum Atreus vitium invenit et tolerāre nōn potest. Īnsidiās igitur contrā frātrem cōgitat: "Sum plēnus īrae! Quārē filiōs parvōs meī frātris necābō secābōque. Tum 5 membra coquam et Thyestae cēnam dabō." Necat puerōs; Thyestēs suōs filiōs mortuōs in mēnsā videt. Ō miser Thyestē! Nihil nunc habēs. Sed, ō Atreu, propter tua magna vitia filiī tuī magnās poenās dabunt. In animīs filiōrum tuōrum manēbit tua culpa antīqua; erit perpetua. Quid dēbēmus dē tuīs īnsidiīs cōgitāre, ō Atreu? 10 Tuam īram nōn poterās superāre; mala igitur erit semper tua fāma. Tē tuamque vītam paucī bonī laudābunt, sed multī culpābunt.

VOCABULARY:

Pelops, Pelopis, m.: Pelops, mythical Greek king (3rd declension)

Atreus, -eī (vocative **Atreu**), m.: Atreus (2nd/3rd declension)

Thyestēs, -ae (vocative **Thyestē**), m.: Thyestes (1st declension)

corrumpō, -ere, -rūpī, -ruptus (3rd conjugation): to seduce

uxor, uxōris (accusative -em), f.: wife (3rd declension)

inveniō, -īre, -vēnī, -ventus (4th conjugation): to find, discover

tolerō (1): to bear, tolerate

contrā (preposition + accusative): against

frāter, -tris (accusative -trem), m.: brother (3rd declension)

necō (1): to kill

secō, -āre, secuī, sectus: to cut up

membrum, -ī, n.: limb, part of the body

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coquō, -ere, coxī, coctus (3rd conjugation): to cook; **coquam** = I will
cook

cēna, -ae, f.: dinner, meal

suus, -a, -um: his own

mortuus, -a, -um: dead

mēnsa, -ae, f.: table

miser, misera, miserum: unfortunate, wretched

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