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# THE CURSE OF ATREUS

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## GRAMMAR ASSUMED:

**Sum:** Future & Imperfect Indicative

**Possum:** Present, Future, &

Imperfect Indicative;

Complementary Infinitive

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## WHEELOCK: CHAPTER 6

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

- Filiū Pelopis erant Atreus Thyestēsque. Thyestēs uxōrem Atreī corrumpit; tum Atreus vitium invenit et tolerāre nōn potest. Īnsidiās igitur contrā frātre[m] cōgitat: "Sum plēnus irae! 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 filiū tuī magnās poenās dabunt. In animīs filiōrum tuōrum manēbit tua culpa antīqua; erit perpe-
- 10 tua. Quid dēbēmus dē tuīs ĩnsidiīs cōgitāre, ō Atreu? Tuam ĩram nōn poterās superāre; mala igitur erit semper tua fāma. Tē tuamque vītā paucī bonī laudābunt, sed multī culpābunt.

## VOCABULARY:

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**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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