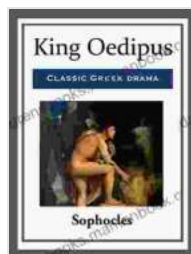


King Oedipus: A Timeless Tragedy by Sophocles

Prologue: A City in Turmoil



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The ancient city of Thebes is gripped by a devastating plague that has brought the people to the brink of despair. The king, Oedipus, has sent his brother-in-law, Creon, to the oracle at Delphi to seek divine guidance. Creon returns with the grim news that the plague is a punishment for the murder of the former king, Laius, which remains unsolved.

The Search for the Truth

Driven by a deep sense of duty and justice, Oedipus resolves to uncover the truth and bring the killer to justice. He summons the blind prophet Teiresias, known for his wisdom and connection to the gods. However, Teiresias refuses to reveal the name of the murderer, claiming it will only bring sorrow.

Undeterred, Oedipus pursues his investigation, interrogating witnesses and unraveling a tangled web of secrets and suspicions. He gradually pieces together the horrifying truth that he is the one who killed Laius, his own father. In a moment of realization, Oedipus discovers that he has unwittingly fulfilled a prophecy that foretold he would kill his father and marry his mother.

The Agony of Revelation

As the full weight of his crimes dawns upon him, Oedipus is consumed by guilt and despair. He blinds himself in a symbolic act of self-punishment, choosing to live in darkness and exile. Oedipus renounces his throne and leaves Thebes, accompanied only by his loyal daughter, Antigone.

Themes and Interpretation



King Oedipus confronts his tragic fate with despair and self-punishment.

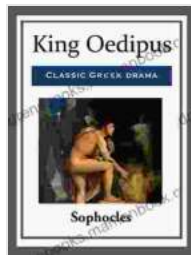
King Oedipus is a timeless tragedy that explores profound themes that resonate with audiences of all ages:

- **Free Will vs. Fate:** The play raises questions about the extent to which our actions are determined by our fate or our own choices. Oedipus's attempts to escape his destiny ultimately lead to its fulfillment.
- **Hubris:** Hubris, or excessive pride, is a central theme in the play. Oedipus's arrogant belief in his own power and intelligence blinds him to the truth about himself.
- **The Power of Truth:** The play emphasizes the transformative power of truth. Once Oedipus discovers the truth about his past, he is unable to escape the consequences of his actions.
- **The Oedipus Complex:** Sigmund Freud named the "Oedipus complex" after the play, describing the unconscious rivalry between a son and his father for the mother's affection.

Legacy and Influence

King Oedipus has had a profound impact on Western literature and culture. It is considered one of the greatest tragedies ever written and has been adapted into numerous plays, operas, and films. The play's themes and characters continue to be analyzed and interpreted by scholars and artists alike.

Sophocles' King Oedipus is a timeless masterpiece that continues to captivate and challenge audiences centuries after it was first performed. It is a powerful exploration of human nature, fate, and the consequences of our actions. The play's enduring legacy is a testament to its universality and its ability to resonate with people of all times and cultures.



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