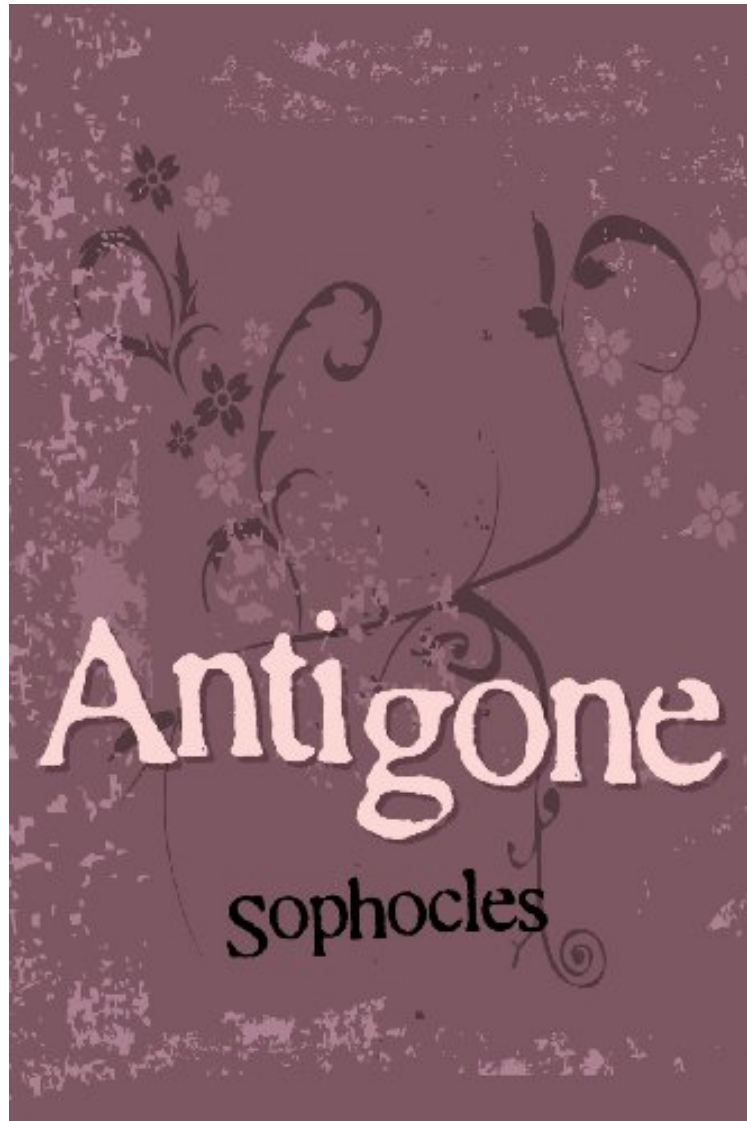


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what things they will. Cre. All Thebes sees this with other eyes than thine. Ant. They see as I, but bate their breath to thee. 509 Cre. And art thou not ashamed, from them to differ? Ant. To reverence a brother is not shameful. Cre. And was not he who died for Thebes thy brother? Ant. One mother bore us, and one sire begat. Cre. Yet, honouring both, thou dost dishonour him. Ant. He in the grave will not subscribe to this. Cre. How, if no less thou dost revere the guilty? Ant. 'Twas not his slave that perished, but his brother. the. The enemy of this land: its champion he. Ant. Yet Death of due observance must not fail. Cre. Just and unjust urge not an equal claim. 520 Ant. Perchance in Hades 'tis a holy deed. Cre. Hatred, not ev'n in death, converts to love. Ant. Not in your hates, but in your loves, I'd share. Cre. Go to the shades, and, if thou'lt love, love there: No woman, while I live, shall master me. Enter Ismene. Chor. See, from the palace comes Ismene-- Sisterly drops from her eyes down-shedding: Clouded her brows droop, heavy with sorrow; And the blood-red tinge of a burning blush Covers her beautiful downcast face. 530 the. Thou, who hast crept, a serpent in my home, Draining my blood, unseen; and I knew not Rearing two pests, to upset my throne; Speak--wilt thou too confess that in this work Thou hadst a hand, or swear thou didst not know? Ism. I'll say the deed was mine, if she consents: My share of the blame I bear, and do not shrink. Ant. Justice forbids thy claim: neither didst thou Agree, nor I admit thee to my counsels. Ism. I am not ashamed, in thine extremity, 540 To make myself companion of thy fate. Ant. Whose was the deed, know Hades and the dead: I love not friends, who talk of friendliness. Ism. Sis...