

**Fate Kills**

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Oedipus was a role model of the village Thebes, he wanted to save the village but was warned not to, his fate said that he would kill his father and marry his mother, but he finally found out the truth . As a very young child Oedipus was stabbed in the ankles and left to die, his mother and father found him and raised him up until the point he felt he needed to leave the village and seek out something new. Oedipus never thought his fate would affect his life so greatly since everything that was stated turned out to not be true to what he was doing.

Oedipus was a role model of the village Thebes, when he left his hometown village he was riding his horse and he hit a fork in the road and ended up killing some men on his way to Thebes. Once he got to the village he saved all of the villagers from a plague outbreak, once he solved this problem the whole village of Thebes looked up to Oedipus because of how physically and mentally strong he was and how good he was at fighting, But of all men you are the most wise in the ways of God (Priest pg 10). The village was good for some time, but tragedy happens and another plague outbreak happens in the village and everyone turned to Oedipus for answers and help, May he walk among us and heal us and drive this plague from our city (Priest pg 14)

He wanted to save the village but was warned not to. Everyone was looking for answers because the village did not want this plague to get any worse than it already was. This is when Oedipus went out for answers to stop the plague, Though your eyes can not see, you know of this plague that infects our city, we turn to you- our one defense- our shield (Oedipus pg 18). Throughout this conversation between Oedipus and Teiresias, he warns

Oedipus that it is not the best idea to continue, and tries to figure out what has caused this plague. Yes... but you do not know what you are asking me (Teiresias pg 19). Oedipus gets worked up over this because he thinks that Teiresias is just trying to frame him and make Oedipus lose his spot as king of Thebes, they both continue to insult each other because Oedipus wants to save the village but Teiresias is trying to tell him something bad without actually saying it.

His fate said he would kill his father and marry his mother, time went on and his mind began to wonder to places he thought it would never go to, he found out information that on his way to Thebes when he killed those people, there was one survivor that ran for his life because he was so scared. Everybody thought that a group of highway men killed these people where three roads meet, but something chilled Oedipus when he figured this out. You said that Laius was killed where three roads meet? (Oedipus pg 34). After Oedipus figured out that one servant survived and requested to move to a different village, Oedipus demanded him to come back and tell Oedipus what he witnessed. Can you get him back here quickly (Oedipus pg 36).

He finally finds out the truth the servant came back to deliver what Oedipus has been searching for this whole time, after a conversation between the two of them, Oedipus finds out that what the servant was saying matched to what he did to those men before he arrived in Thebes, and this chilled Oedipus to the bones because his fate is becoming true, he found out that he was the one to kill his father, and that he did marry his mother and have children with her. To his children he will be both brother and father, to her who

gave him birth both son and husband, and to his father he will be both killer and the man who shared his bed (Teiresias pg 25). After finding this out he does not know what to do with himself and he is sickened with the fact that he has done this to his mother and father. Oedipus says earlier in the book that he does not care if the killer of Laius is himself; he will do what needs to be done to save the village. Oedipus stabs his eyes and requests to exile himself. Send me into exile now, put me in some desert so I will never again hear human voice (Oedipus pg 59). After requesting this they grant his wish but not before telling his children and everyone of Thebes that he is sorry and he hopes that no one will try to come for him and he wants to be left alone.

The fate that was meant for Oedipus was always going to find him no matter what path he tried to pursue. The King went through trial and error but what was planned to happen to him was not stopped by anyone. At first he was praised by the people of Thebes and every person looked to him for answers, but by the end of the story he was in complete awe of the things he had done. Turning from a hero to a person so deeply in distress that he ended his life, anyone can see fate was inevitable. Attempting to save the village, the king was adored by the city. Killing his father and marrying his mother is where the turn was taken, and Oedipus's fate was beginning to take place. Once he found out the truth of his world, he started to spiral downwards, and eventually couldn't take the pain and suffering of the atrocious actions he had done.