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The conflict between Oedipus and Creon helps categorize Creon as very determined, crafty, and cruel towards anything that stands in his way. Creon, with his guards, threatened making enemies with Thebes, when he tried to force Oedipus to go with him. Creon disguised his threat with political language and somewhat polite words, which only end up angering Oedipus. With Oedipus's constant refusal to go, Creon states "I warn you, even without that, we have ways to make you suffer... your two children. One I've seized just now and sent her off - now I'll take the other," (933-937). When Creon's persuasion fails and he realizes that he cannot whisk away Oedipus from his allies, he resorts to the cruel method of taking hostages. These hostages were Oedipus's daughters/sisters that he seemed to have pride and love in. The Leader does recognize this as a crime, but due to the guards Creon brought with him and his threat of war if the Leader touches him, the hostages remain hostages. Creon succeeded in his goal of putting pressure on Oedipus since the goal of taking Oedipus did not work.