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Agamemnon, at first does not ask Odysseus a question, he merely gives a warm greeting to Odysseus. Odysseus wanted to know how Agamemnon died. After he described how he died, he then asks Odysseus how his son, Orestes, was doing. In this exchange, there is a lot of information that is shown about Agamemnon and Odysseus. When they give each other a warm greeting, Agamemnon had a shrilly speech and tears while Odysseus described himself as giving his heart out in pity. These definitely have a good sense of respect and friendship between each other. Odysseus also asks Agamemnon how he died, which signals that Odysseus has no idea what happened to Agamemnon after the Trojan War. Once Agamemnon gives his story about how he died, two things are clear. One is that Agamemnon still carries great resentment about being assassinated by his wife and the wife's lover. Secondly, Agamemnon offers a piece of advice that will be crucial in the future. He states, "... 'so even your own wife -- never indulge her too far. Never reveal the whole truth, whatever you may know; just tell her a part of it, be sure to hide the rest," (263). This may be foreshadowing to the future. Odysseus seems to be an impressionable man, and will follow this advice. He will not tell his wife of all his affairs with the women he has encountered. Agamemnon also mentions that Penelope's emotions already run too deep for her to betray Odysseus.