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And now tell me and tell me true, for how many days would you celebrate the funeral rites of noble Hector? Therefore have they remembered this for him, albeit his portion is death.

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When they came to the ford of eddying Xanthus, begotten of immortal Jove, Mercury went back to high Olympus, and dawn in robe of saffron began to break over all the land. Then Priam and herald, minds set on the journey home, bedded down for the night within the porch's shelter.

The Iliad Book 24 Summary & Analysis

When another would chide with me, as it might be one of your brothers or sisters or of your brothers' wives, or my mother-in-law- for Priam was as kind to me as though he were my own father- you would rebuke and check them with words of gentleness and goodwill. But I would that one of the gods would call Thetis to come unto me, that I may speak to her a word of wisdom, to the end that Achilles may accept gifts from Priam, and give Hector back. But now bethink we us of supper.

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Him now have ye not the heart to save, a corpse though he be, for his wife to look upon and his mother and his child, and his father Priam and his people, who would forthwith burn him in the fire and pay him funeral rites. I am a messenger to thee from Zeus, who far away though he be, hath exceeding care for thee and pity.

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Yet glow'st thou fresh with every living grace; No mark of pain, or violence of face: Rosy and fair! And if it is my fate to die by the beaked ships of Achaeans armed in bronze, then die I shall.

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Then he drew up in the midst of the place of gathering, and in streams the sweat flowed from the necks and chests of the horses to the ground. So with my father, Peleus.

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Greeks and Trojans get ready for battle. Then forthwith Iris heard his prayer, and hied her with the message to the winds. It's well to lift our hands and ask great Zeus for mercy.

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I respect him deeply, and fear to rob him of what should be his, lest evil later befalls me. And now, somewhere, lost on the crags, on the lonely mountain slopes, on Sipylus where, they say, the nymphs who live forever, dancing along the Achelous River run to beds of rest—there, struck into stone, Niobe still broods on the spate of griefs the gods poured out to her. If any of such should behold thee through the swift black night, forthwith he might haply tell it to Agamemnon shepherd of the host, and thus would there be delay in giving back the dead.

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