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Canaanite, Phoenician and Punic Infant Sacrifice

Ugaritic text: R(as) S(hamra) 24.266; Herdner *CRAI* (1971-72) 693-70, et al: [b]kr vs. [d]kr?

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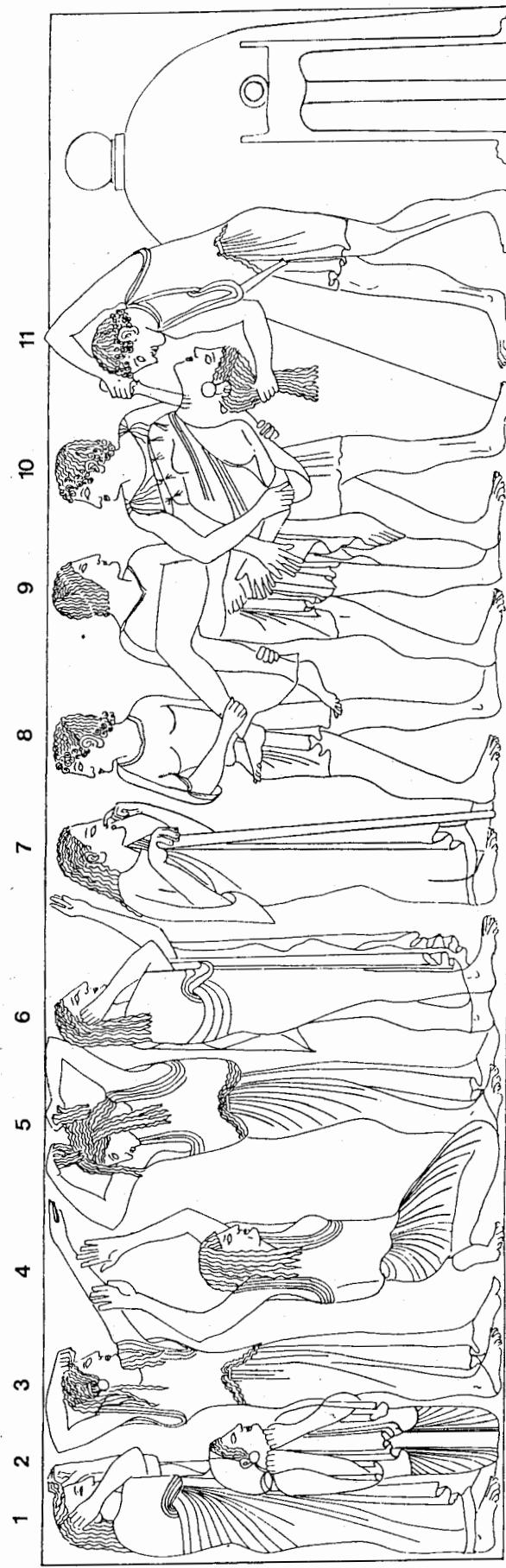


Fig. 9 Drawing of the principal face: Polyxena murdered by Neoptolemus with mourners at left.

*Sarcophagus, - who would want to be buried in being surrounded in such a scene*

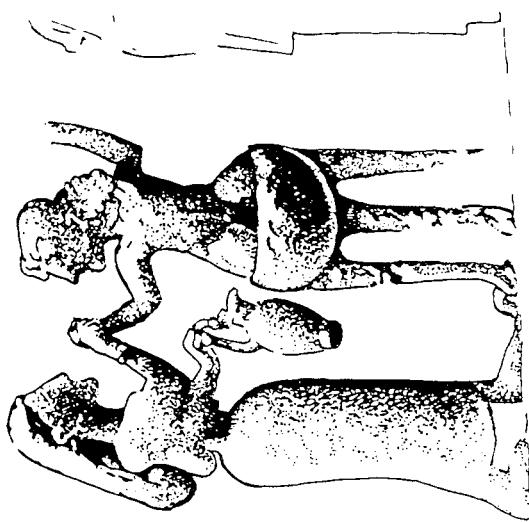
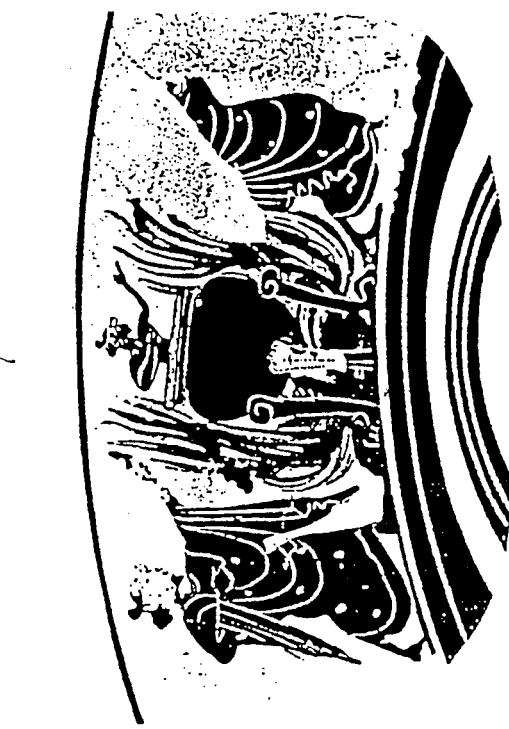
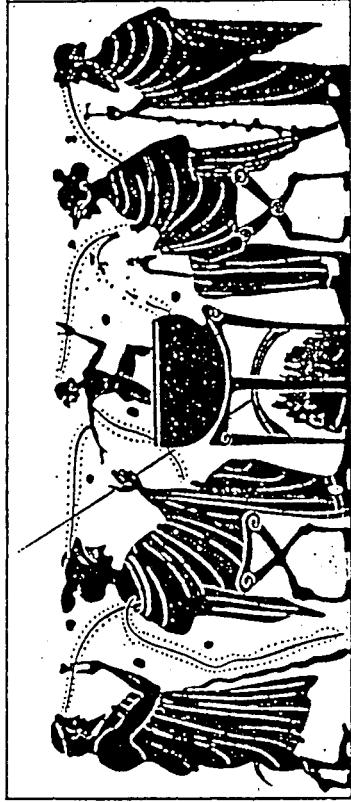
- Tableau n° 4 : Structures des mythes d'immortalisation par le feu.

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	DEMETER	Eleusis	Triptolème			x			x		
	DEMETER	Sicyone	Orthopolis								
TETHIS			Achille	Pénélope	x	x	x	x			
MEDEEE		Corinthe	Médéios	Jason	x						
	ISIS			Astarté							x

- Tableau n° 5 :

Relations entre l'immortalisation et le séjour du nourrisson chez Chiron.

ENFANT	OFFICIANTE	confié à Chiron	immortalisé	cryptie	cuisson	onction
ACHILLE	Thétis	x	x	x	x	x
MEDEIOS	Médée	x		x		
ARISTEE	Les Heures	x	x			x

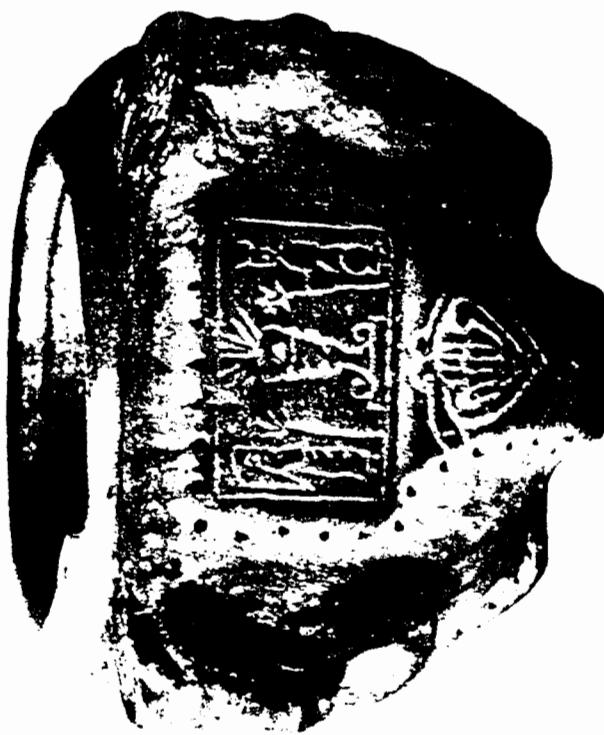


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14 A. stone bowl from Sidon depicting the ritual burning of a god.

## PART I: TEXT, TRANSLATION, COMMENTARY

I will raise him, nor do I expect a spell or the Undercutter  
to harm him through the negligence of his nurse.  
For I know a charm more cutting than the Woodcutter;  
I know a strong safeguard against baneful bewitching.”  
So speaking, she took the child to her fragrant breast  
with her divine hands. And his mother was glad at heart.  
Thus the splendid son of skillful Keleos, Demophoön,  
whom well-girt Metaneira bore, she nursed  
in the great halls. And he grew like a divinity,  
eating no food nor sucking [at a mother’s breast];  
[For daily well-crowned divine] Demeter anointed  
him with ambrosia like one born from a god  
and breathed sweetly on him, held close to her breast.

At night, she would bury him like a brand in the fire’s might,  
unknown to his own parents. And great was their wonder  
as he grew miraculously fast; he was like the gods.  
She would have made him ageless and immortal,  
if well-girt Metaneira had not in her folly  
kept watch at night from her fragrant chamber  
and spied. But she shriked and struck both thighs  
in fear for her child, much misled in her mind,  
and in her grief she spoke winged words.  
“Demophoön, my child, the stranger buries you  
deep in the fire, causing me woe and bitter cares.”

Thus she spoke lamenting. The great goddess heard her.  
In anger at her, bright-crowned Demeter snatched  
from the flames with immortal hands the dear child  
Metaneira had borne beyond hope in the halls and,  
raging terribly at heart, cast him away from herself to the ground.  
At the same time she addressed well-girt Metaneira:  
“Mortals are ignorant and foolish, unable to foresee  
destiny, the good and the bad coming on them.  
You are incurably misled by your folly.  
Let the god’s oath, the implacable water of Styx, be witness,  
I would have made your child immortal and ageless  
forever; I would have given him unfailing honor.  
But now he cannot escape death and the death spirits.  
Yet unfailing honor will forever be his, because  
he lay on my knees and slept in my arms.

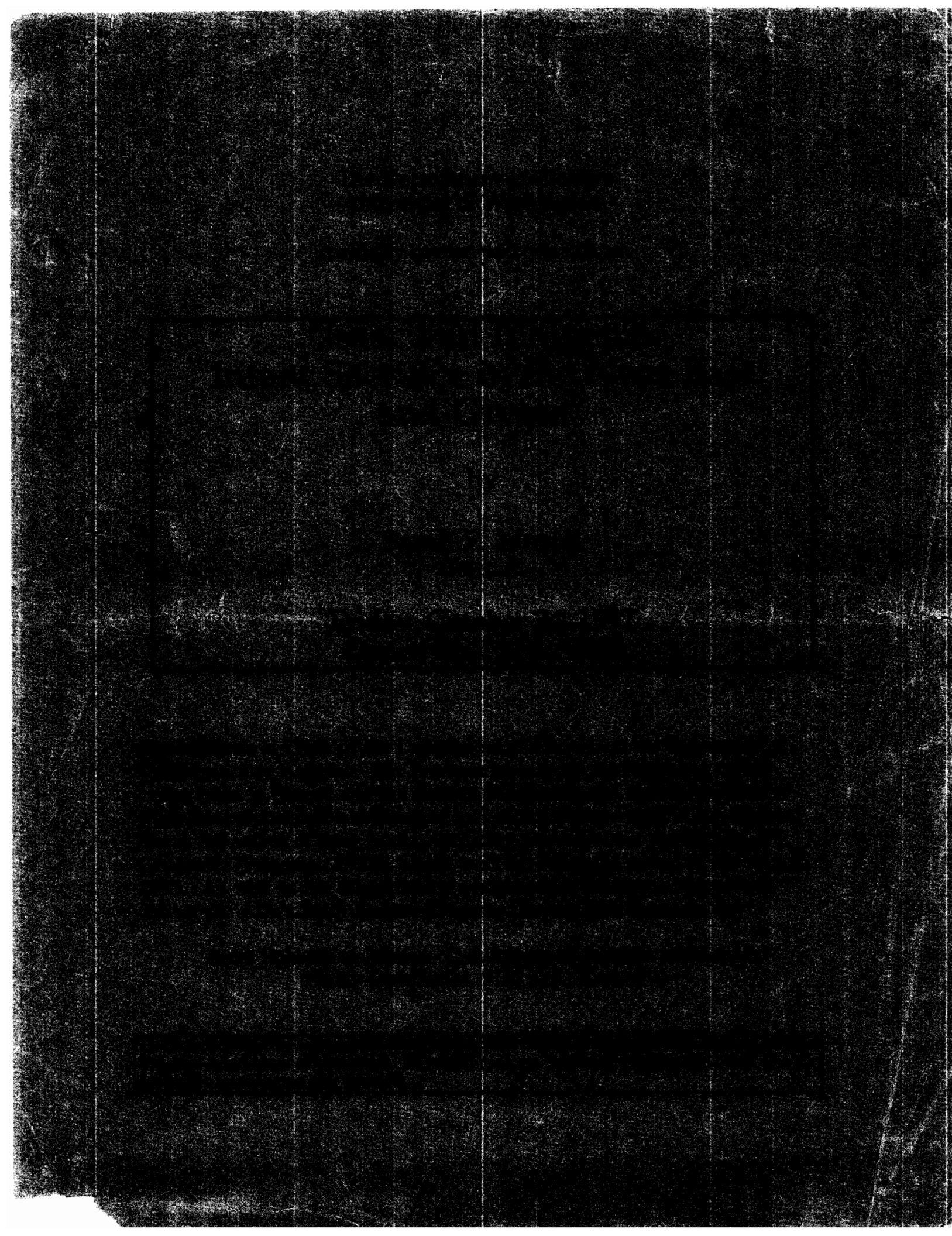
θρέψω, καὶ μν̄ ςολπα κακοφραδίην τιθήγης  
οὔτ’ ἄρ’ ἐπηρλαυση δηλήσσεται οὐθ’ ὑποταμών·  
οἴδα γάρ ἀντίτρουμον μέγα φέρερον ὑλοτόμοιο,  
οἴδα δ’ ἐπηλυσίης πολυτάτουμονος ἔσθιλὸν ἔρυσμόν.  
Ως ἄρα φωνήσασα θυώδει διέξατο κόλπῳ  
χερσίν τ’ ἀθανάτησ· γεγήθει δὲ φρένα μήτηρ.  
ώς ή μὲν Κελεοῖ δαύφινος ἀγλαὸν νῦδὸν  
Δημοφόόνθ’, διν ἔπιτεν ἐνδῶνος Μετάνειρα,  
ἔπεφεν ἐν μεγάροις ὁ δ’ ἀέξετο δαίμονι τοσού  
οὐτ’ οὖν σῖτον ἔδων, οὐθ’ θησάμενος

Δημήτρηο

χρίεσκ’ ἀμβροσίηή ὡς εὶ θεοῦ ἔνγεγαλτά,  
ἥδη κατατείνουσα καὶ ἐν κόλποισιν ἔχουσα.  
νύκτας δὲ αρνύπτεσσε πυρὸς μένει ἡ πτέ δαλὸν  
λάθρος φίλων γονέων· τοῖς δὲ μέγα θαῦμα ἔτετυχο  
ῶς προθθαλῆς τελέθεσκε, θεοῖσι δὲ ἄντα ἔρχεται.  
καί κέν μν ποίησεν ἀγήρων τ’ ἀθάνατον τε  
εἰ μη ἄρ’ ἀφραδίην ἐνδῶνος Μετάνειρα  
νύκτ’ ἐπιτηρησασα θυώδεος ἐκ θαλάμῳ  
οκέψατο· κάκυσσεν δὲ καὶ ἅμφι πλήξατο μηρῷ  
δέσπιατ’ ἦ περὶ παιδὶ καὶ δάιτῃ μέγα τιμῆρη,  
καὶ δὲ διλοφυρομένη ἔπεια περόεντα προσηγήδα.  
Τέλον Δημοφόόν ξείνη οε πυρὶ ἐνι πολλῷ  
κρύπτεται, ἔποι δὲ γόνον καὶ κήδεα λυγρὰ τίθησιν.  
“Ως φάτ’ δινοριμένη· τῆς δ’ ἄτε δια θεάων.  
τῇ δὲ γολωσαμένη καλλιστέφανος Δημήτρηο  
παῖδα φίλοιν, τὸν ἀελπτὸν ἐνὶ μεγάρουσιν ἔτικτε,  
χείρεσσ’ ἀθανάτημαν ἀπὸ ἔο θήρε πέδον δὲ  
ξεανελούσα πυρὸς θυμῷ κατέσσασα μάλ’ αἰνῶς,

καὶ δὲ δημαδις προσέεπεν ἐνδῶνον Μετάνειρα.  
Νήδες δηθρωποι καὶ ἀφράδιονες οὐτ’ ἀγαθοῖο  
αἴσαν ἐπερχομένου προγνώμεναι οὔτε κακοῖο.  
καὶ σὺ γαρ ἀφραδίηο τετῆς νήκεστον ὑάσθης.  
τοτα γὰρ θεῶν ὅρκος ἀμειλάκτον Στυγὸς ὅδωρ  
ἀθάνατον κέν τοι καὶ ἀγήροιον ἥματα πάντα  
παῖδα φίλον ποιῆσα καὶ ἀφθιτον ὕπασσα τιμὴν.  
νῦν δ’ οὐκ ἔσθ’ ὥς κεν θάνατον καὶ κῆρας ἀλάξαι.

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— thin sheet — Quartzite — shaped

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— number 1000 + bright red (Talus)

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