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In her myth, Medea is said to come from the kingdom of **Colchis** (modern-day Georgia, near the Black Sea), just outside of the Greek world. As such, Colchis is described as a foreign place, in opposition to the Greek ideals of democracy. Justice in Colchis was likely decided by the king, in opposition to the rule of law in practice in Athens, the city of Euripides.

In Colchis, Medea is the **daughter of King Aeëtes**: as a member of the royal family, she would likely have been exempt from ordinary rules, and as a magician, she also held more power than the average person.



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However, this homeland is no longer accessible to her, as in her chosen exile, in support of the escape of Jason with the Golden Fleece, she killed and dismembered her brother, Prince Absyrtus.



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