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<b>Title</b>	Act 5, Scene 1, lines 879-896.
<b>Subtitle</b>	The messenger announces the death of Creon and Glaucus
<b>Author</b>	Seneca
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<b>Theme(s)</b>	Revenge, hubris.
<b>Character(s)</b>	The messenger, the chorus, Medea
<b>Language</b>	EN
<b>Translation</b>	Translated by Ella Isabel Harris (1899)

## Extract

### Messenger

All are destroyed, the royal empire falls, Father and child lie in one funeral pyre.

### Chorus.

Destroyed by what deceit?

### Messenger.

That which is wont to ruin princes ' gifts.

### Chorus.



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Could these work harm?

**Messenger.**

I myself wonder, and can hardly deem the wrong accomplished, though I know it is done.

**Chorus.**

How did it happen?

**Messenger.**

A destructive fire Spreads everywhere as at command; even now The city is in fear, the palace burned.

(...)

**Medea**

Were I already gone, I would return for this, that I might see these new betrothals.  
Dost thou pause, my soul? This joy's but the beginning of revenge.



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