Medea’s Strategic Partnerships with Jason and Aegeus

Abstract: Euripides’ Medea secures her ascent from one land to another by establishing strategic relationships with both Jason and Aegeus through sworn oaths and physical gestures. Medea heroically “steals” the Golden Fleece and leaves her homeland for Jason’s sake. In return, Jason brings Medea into a civilized society and promises to provide for her and their children. Medea later meets Aegeus, who seeks her help in acquiring children and offers her a safe haven in Athens. This paper will explore both partnerships, which ensure Medea’s safety, allowing her to create a new life and to escape the consequences of her actions.

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