THE THREE MINUTE OEDIPUS TYRANNUS

(Enter Oedipus from the palace)

OED: I am Oedipus. All right?

PRIEST: We've got this plague, see

OED: I'm doing my best.

(Enter Creon)

CREON: Hi, everyone. I've come from Delphi. Drive the corruption from the land.

Find the killer of Laius.

OED: Yeah, OK.

CHORUS: Everybody's dying. Help us Zeus etc.

OED: If only I'd been there at the time. Screw the murderer. Anyway, I'll start

again and bring all to light (ha-ha!)

LEADER: It wasn't me. Ask Teiresias. He might be able to shed some light (ha-ha!)

on the matter.

OED: Go and bring the old git.

LEADER: He's here now.

(Enter Teiresias)

OED: Away then, spit it out.

TEIR: No. OED: Away.

TEIR: I want to go home.

OED: You bastard.

TEIR: That won't get it out of me.

OED: Tell me or I'll lamp you.

TEIR: All right then, it's you - oh yes, and you're screwing your Mam. Get your

head round that one.

(Exit Teiresias and Oedipus)

CHORUS: Help us out Zeus and Apollo. No, it wasn't Oedipus: I'm not having that.

(Enter Creon)

CREON: Now then, what's Oedipus been saying about me?

LEADER: Yeah, he's been calling you. CREON: Big mouth git. Did he mean it?

LEADER: Dunno: ask him.

(Enter Oedipus)

OEDIPUS: What're you doing here after you've done that to me, you bastard?

CREON: Hang on a minute.

OED: You're getting on my tits, Creon.

CR: You're losing it.
OED: You're after my job.

CR: Me? King? No way, I'm loaded anyway.

OED: Piss off.

CHORUS: Here's Jocasta. She'll sort it out.

(Enter Jocasta)

JOC: All right, lads, break it up. What's going on?

OED: He says I killed Laius.

JOC: No way. Thieves killed Laius at a place where three roads meet. He looked

like you, actually. There was a survivor.

OED: Aiee, nightmare.

JOC: What's your problem?

OED: I killed some blokes just like you said, three roads meeting, king in a

chariot, etc. If one of them was Laius I'm up shit creek. Me Mam'll kill me.

Fetch the survivor.

JOC: Why?

OED: He said thieves, plural. One isn't more than one. QED.

JOC: Simmer. Prophecies are crap anyway. Laius was supposed to be killed by

his kid.

(Exit Jocasta and Oedipus)

CHORUS: If prophecies don't come true I'm through with the gods.

(Enter a Messenger from Corinth)

MESS: Where's Oedipus?

(Enter Jocasta)

JOC: Oedipus is crapping himself. Who're you?

MESS: Polybus is dead. Oedipus is king of Corinth.

JOC: Great. Tell Oedipus.

(Enter Oedipus)

MESS: Polybus is dead. OED: Great. How?

MESS: He just died. Great, eh?
OED: No, me Mam's still alive.

MESS: She's not your Mam. I gave you to her. You had a big nail through your

foot.

OED: Who did that?

MESS: Ask this lot. You came from round here. Another shepherd gave you to

me. Ask him.

LEADER: Actually he was the survivor of the massacre as well. Small world.

JOC: Let it lie, Oedipus.

OED: God, you're a snob. I must unlock the secrets of my birth.

JOC: Aieeeeee!

(Exit Jocasta)

OED: Screw her. I'm not going to let it lie.

(Exit Oedipus)

CHORUS: I wonder who Oedipus' Dad was.

(Enter Oedipus)

OED: Here's the shepherd.

(Enter Shepherd)

LEADER: Yep, that's him.

OED: What do you know?

SHEP: Nowt.

OED: Tell me the truth or you're dead.

SHEP: OK. Etc. etc.

OED: Aieee!

(Exit Oedipus, Shepherd, Messenger from Corinth)

CHORUS: You never know what's going to happen, do you. Happiness is a dream,

and when you wake up, you're screwed.

(Enter a messenger from the Palace)

MESS II: Jocasta's dead: Oedipus poked his eyes out.

CHORUS: Poor bastard.

MESS II: He's coming out.

(Enter Oedipus. Exit Messenger)

OED:

Ooh, ouch, I can't see.

CHORUS: What did you do that for? You wouldn't let it lie.

OED:

I don't want to see.

(Enter Creon)

CREON:

Take him inside.

OED:

Do us a favour.

CREON:

Depends.

OED:

Kick me out, but let me see the kids first.

CREON:

Kids, yes, exile, dodgy.

(Enter Antigone and Ismene)

OED:

Kids, life's a bitch.

CREON: Let them go. You're not king any more, so do as you're told.

CHORUS: Count no man happy until he carries his happiness down to the grave.

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