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To  
MY MOTHER

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## NOTE

This play is founded upon a story told in the *Secreta Secretorum*, a book which falsely purports to be Aristotle's manual of advice to Alexander.

An English version which dates from about 1400, gives the legend as follows:

Alexander, thynk of ye doynge of ye Quene of Inde whenne she sente to the, by cause to haue thy frendschiipe, many presentes and noble gyftes amonge ye whilke a full fair mayden was sent to the that of her childhood drank and was norschyd with venymys yn-so-mekyl that her kynde was turned to ye kynde of serpentys. . . . And certainly, but thou hadde ben warnyd by me there-of, thy seluyn hadde takyn deed, thurgh ye hete of fleschly kennynge with here.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> For any who may be curious in the matter an account of the origin and literary fortunes of this story is given at the close of the volume.



## CHARACTERS

### *Indians:*

POROS . . . . *Emperor of that portion  
of India now known  
as the Central Punjab.*

THE PRINCE. . . . *His son.*

A BRAHMAN

RAJAH OF ABHISARA.

HALF-WITTED BOY, who serves as a JESTER.

MESSENGERS.

YZDRA'S NURSE.

YZDRA . . . . *Daughter of Poros.*

### *Greeks:*

HEPHÆSTION . . . . *Alexander's favourite  
General.*

PROTEAS . . . . *A follower of the camp.*

A PAGE

A SLAVE

ALEXANDER THE GREAT.

Time: 326 B.C.