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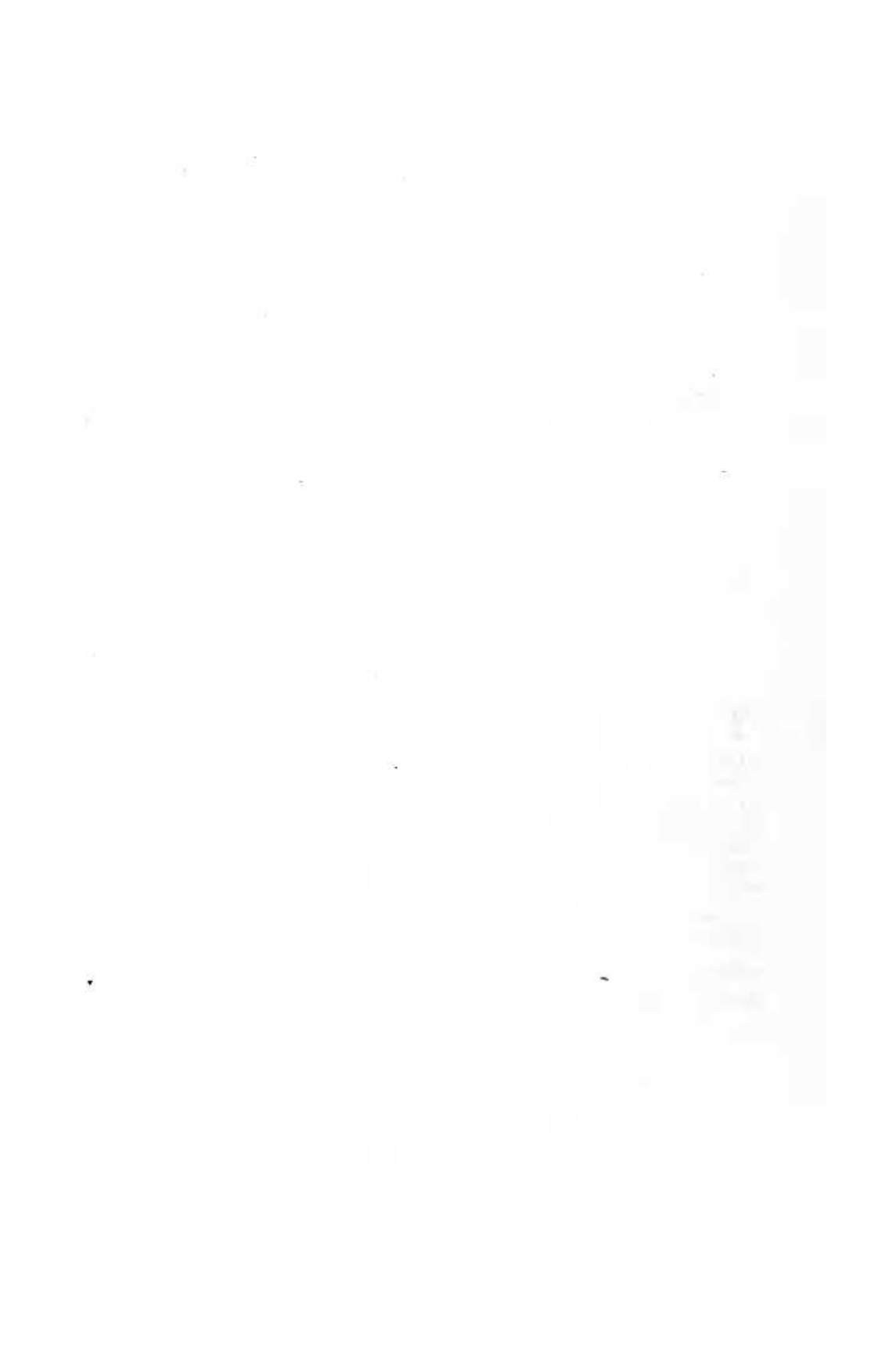
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SEEKING TIDINGS OF HIS FATHER.

TELL me, O Muse, of the Shifty, the man who wandered afar,
After the Holy Burg, Troy-town, he had wasted with war ;
He saw the towns of menfolk, and the mind of men did he learn ;
As he warded his life in the world, and his fellow-farers' return,
Many a grief of heart on the deep-sea flood he bore,
Nor yet might he save his fellows, for all that he longed for it sore.
They died of their own souls' folly, for witless as they were
They ate up the beasts of the Sun, the Rider of the Air,
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O Goddess, O daughter of Zeus, from whencesoever ye may, 10
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