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Cover illustration: this is taken from a silver seal, dated to the end of the 5th century BC. (Archaeological Museum of Ioannina). It depicts Orestes and Clytemnestra (both named). Clytemnestra already has blood emerging from a wound in her breast. We may compare Electra's cry in Sophocles' play (line 1415): 'Strike a second blow, if you have the strength!'

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