

Timon of Athens

In life's uncertain voyage the wealthy and generous Timon of Athens becomes a hermit, who as a kindness to his erstwhile friends invites them to hang themselves from the tree outside his cave. Only when creditors demanded payment did he listen to his servant Flavius: he had no more money. His friends refused him loans, so he invited them to a last banquet and served stones and hot water. When digging for roots to eat, he discovers hidden treasure, finances the banished captain Alcibiades to sack Athens. Peace was agreed, then news came that Timon had died, alone in his cave.

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