

**Euripides Medea**

Bracketed Lines in Medea**234**

Some editors bracket line 234, but it stands pretty well as a summary of why getting married is such a bad deal for women.

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This line has been bracketed by most editors. Wilamowitz called it a 'schoolmaster's interpolation'. The objections to the line are (a) metrical (the alpha of ἤλικα should be long but, for various reasons, it must be short); (b) what Page in his commentary calls 'the removal of the indelicacy' of line 245 (where men console themselves with other *women*).

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Most editors bracket this line as they think it gives too much away of her plans in too much detail and may not be quite grammatical.

304

Most editors have bracketed 304, suspecting it to be an interpolation, because of its similarity to line 808.

355-6

Diggle brackets these lines on the basis that the reasoning is absurd and that 354 is a good ending to Creon's speech.

725-6

As well as the discussions surrounding the order of lines here, most editors bracket lines 725–6.