

Lamia cautions Michael not to defy the Isomage's plan, explaining that Alyons cannot harm Michael as long as he obeys her. Lamia warns Michael, "May you never know how cruel life is, or what can be lost, and yet still remain alive." His business with Lamia concluded, Michael boldly demands to ride Alyons' magnificent golden *epon* back to the Cranes' mound, and the Wickmaster grudgingly complies. They leave as the curtain falls, ending Act 2.