

# TAMORA IMPERATRIX

short film (18 minutes)

dialogue list

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1:01:16	Lavinia	Make way! Titus, my father, champion of war, successful in all battles that he fights, With honor and with fortune is returned, From where he conquered with his sword, And brought to yoke, all of our enemies. The proud queen overwhelmed, Her son a sacrifice for peace.
1:02:13	Titus	I give him you, the noblest that survives, The youngest son of this distressed queen.
1:02:24	Tamora	Gracious conquerer, victorious Titus, see the tears I shed, a mother's tears for her own son. And if thy child was ever dear to thee - O, think, my child to be as dear to me.
1:02:39	Titus	Patient yourself, my queen, and pardon me. Religiously they ask a sacrifice. To this your son is marked.
1:02:58	Tamora	Pray, Titus, spare my son!
1:03:02	Lavinia	Away with him! And with our swords let's cleanly chew his limbs!
1:03:10	Tamora	Titus, stain not thy tomb with blood! Wilt thou draw near the nature of the gods, Draw near them in being merciful. Sweet mercy is nobility's true badge.
1:03:42	Tamora	I will quit the bloody wrongs upon my foes!
1:04:29	Lavinia	Sweet Tamora, cease your tears.

1:04:33 Tamora When will this fearful slumber have an end?

1:04:36 Lavinia That ever death should let life bear his name,  
where life hath no more interest but to breathe.

1:04:45 Tamora No god can give consent.

1:04:48 Lavinia Pray to the devil, for here is no god.

1:04:58 Lavinia Get some knife between thy teeth,  
and against thy heart make thou a hole.

1:05:14 Aaron How now, dear empress, gracious mother!

1:05:21 Tamora Lavinia has ticed me higher to this place.  
And had you not by wondrous fortune come,  
this vengeance on me had she executed.

1:05:38 Aaron Let me right your wrong.

1:06:16 Chiron I am as able and as fit as thou to serve,  
and to deserve my mistress' grace.  
And that my sword upon thee shall approve,  
and plead my passion for Lavinia's love.

1:06:29 Demetria Old man, learn thou to make some meaner choice,  
Lavinia is thine young sister's hope.

1:06:39 Chiron A thousand deaths would I propose,  
to achieve her whom I love.

1:06:45 Demetria To achieve her! How?

1:06:49 Aaron Are you such fools to square for this?

1:07:02 Aaron For shame, be friends, then both of you will speed.

1:07:19 Aaron She's a lady, therefore may be wooed.

1:07:29 Chiron She's a lady, therefore may be won.

1:07:36 Demetria She's Lavinia, therefore must be loved.

1:09:09 Lavinia In peace and honor live Lord Titus long.  
My noble lord and father live in fame.

1:09:20 Aaron No one more chaste than this Lavinia.  
Now see the privilege that beauty bears.

1:09:31 Lavinia Aaron, I beg with all my heart -  
With thy own hands kill me in this place.

1:09:50 Aaron I have done a thousand dreadful things.  
And willingly, I will do ten thousand more.

1:12:21 Lavinia See, high empress -  
how we have performed our ancient rites.  
Contain yourself - welcome to our woeful house.

1:12:51 Titus What would you say,  
if I would let you speak?  
I will grind your bones to dust  
and will make a paste with your own blood.  
Two pasties of your shameful heads.  
Oh wretches, how I will martyr you.

1:13:29 Demetria Mother! Mother!