



DRYPETIS

DRYPETIS (Gk. Drýpētis [Arrian] or Drypêtis [Diodorus]), daughter of **Darius III Codomannus** (Arrian, 7.4.5) and younger sister of Stateira (Diodorus, 17.107.6); in the collective wedding arranged by **Alexander the Great** at Susa in 324 B.C.E. she was given in marriage to Hephaestion (Arrian, 7.4.5; Diodorus, 17.107.6). After Alexander's death, which was lamented by "Hephaestion's widow," according to Curtius Rufus (10.5.20), his wife, Roxane, out of jealousy, ordered Stateira "and her sister" (i.e., Drypetis) murdered and thrown into a well (Plutarch, *Alexandros* 77.6). The Iranian original form of the name and its etymological interpretation have been the subject of unconvincing speculation (see most recently, Werba, pp. 164-65).

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