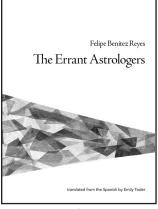
## *The Errant Astrologers* Felipe Benítez Reyes translated by Emily Toder

This three-act play in verse by Spanish poet, novelist, and playwright Felipe Benítez Reyes, tracks the nonsensical, disorienting, and rather tragicomic journey of three monarchs lost in a boundless desert, on a long, dark, and endless night, in which the notions of power, place, and purpose are all tipped on their heads and crushed. In a paradoxically classic fusion of the chivalrous and postmodern traditions, *The Errant Astrologers* is like waiting for Godot with Sancho Panza, all on the set of *Ishtar*, and told in the haunting, rich verse of Reyes's own.



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