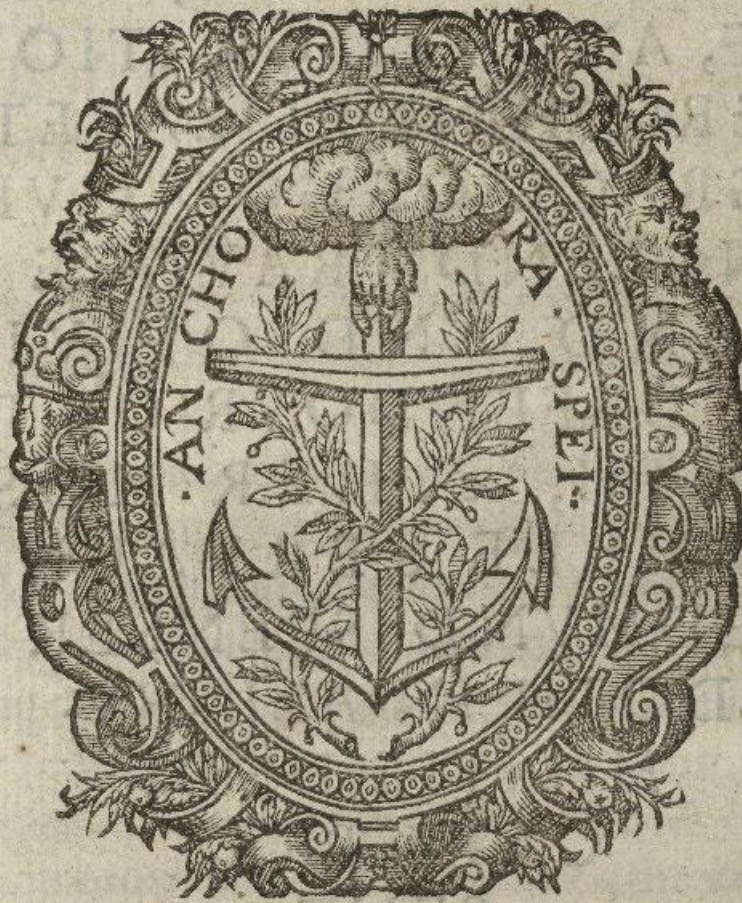


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Edmund Spenser's (1552?-1599) epic poem *The Faerie Queene* is a possible source for *The Tragedy of King Lear*. Spenser's version of Lear's story appears in *The Faerie Queene* Book II: Cordelia inherits her father's throne, but is overthrown by her nephews. She then commits suicide by hanging; in Shakespeare's version, Cordelia is executed by hanging.

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