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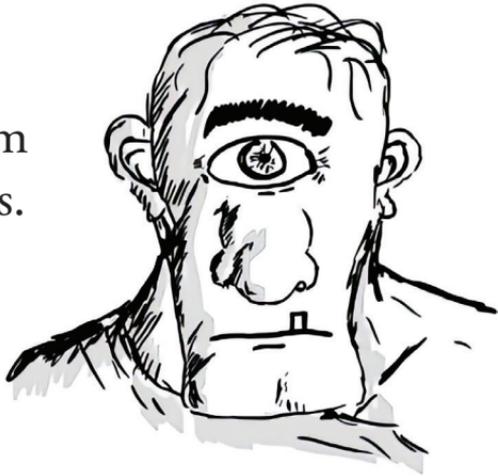
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capitulum I

*mystērium*¹

ego sum Polyphēmus. ego nōn
sum vir hūmānus! rīdiculum est!

ego sum
Cyclōps.



ecce oculus meus. ego ūnum
oculum habeō.

ego familiam magnam habeō.

¹ mystērium: *a mystery*

ecce frātrēs meī! ego multōs frātrēs
habeō.



frātrēs meī sunt magnī. frātrēs meī
sunt fortēs.



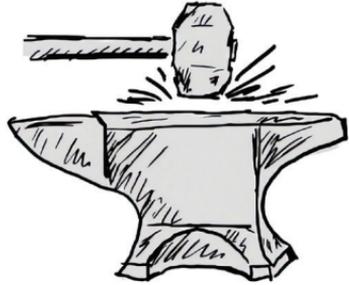
ego nōn sum magnus et
fortis sicut frātrēs meī.

aliī Cyclōpēs
in monte Aetnā²
labōrant.



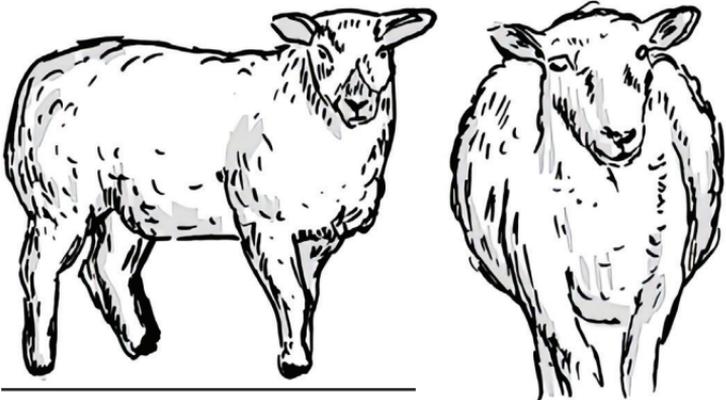
²in monte Aetnā: *in mount Aetna, a volcano*

Cyclōpēs multās rēs faciunt.³
 frequenter illī rēs
 metallicās faciunt.
 difficile est rēs
 metallicās facere!



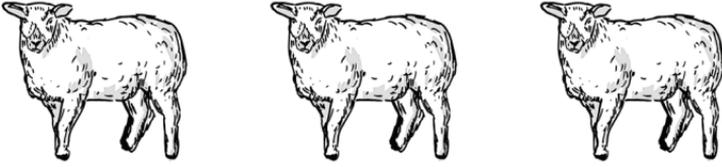
ego nōn sum fortis. ego nōlō rēs
 metallicās facere. ego nōlō in monte
 Aetnā labōrāre. mihi nōn placet mōns
 Aetna!

mihi placent animālia! ego sum
 pāstor.⁴ ego multās ovēs habeō. ecce
 ovēs meae!



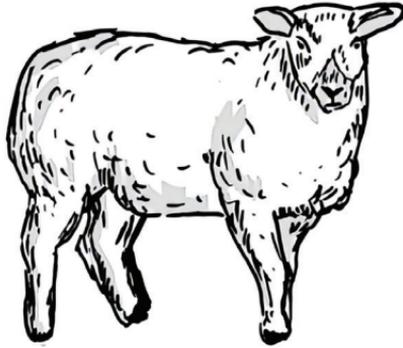
³ multās rēs faciunt: *make many things*

⁴ pāstor: *a shepherd*



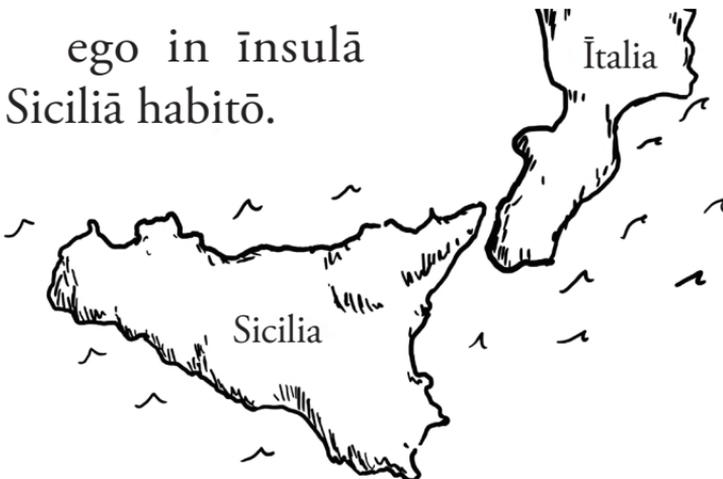
ego nōn habeō ovēs ordināriās.

ego magnās
ovēs habeō.



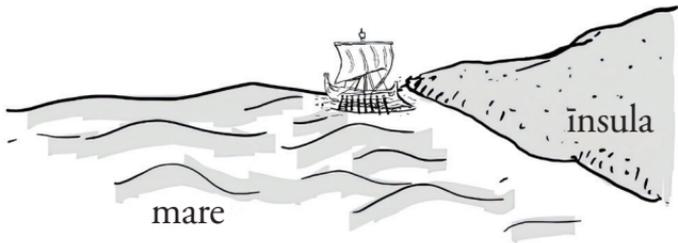
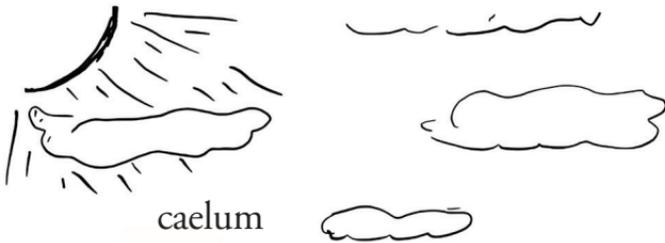
ovēs pulchrae sunt! omnēs ovēs
sunt amīcae meae!

ego in īnsulā
Siciliā habitō.



mihi placet in Siciliā habitāre.
Sicilia est bona!

ecce caelum. caelum est pulchrum.



ecce mare. mare est tranquillum!

ecce . . .

. . . quid est?

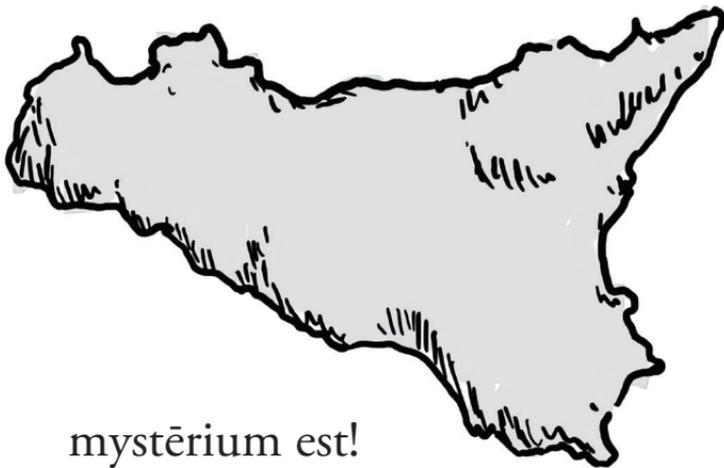
est nāvis?



cūr est nāvis in īnsulā meā? nāvis
est parva. Cyclōpēs nōn habent nāvēs
parvās. ego sciō quī habeant nāvēs
parvās . . .

hominēs nāvēs parvās habent!
hominēs sunt in īnsulā meā?!

ego īnsulam investigō. sed ego
hominēs nōn videō. ego hominēs nōn
audiō. īnsula mea est tranquilla et
quiēta.





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