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I

fugiēns



nox est. Tiberius fugit.

Tiberius rapidē fugit sub lūnā plēnā.¹ lūna plēna est, sed Tiberius exercitum Rōmānum nōn videt. nōn bene videt, oculīs arboribus obscūrīs.²

¹ **sub lūnā plēnā** *under a full moon*

² **oculīs arboribus obscūrīs** *with eyes obscured by trees*

Tiberius neque mīlitēs, neque exercitum videt. fugiēns, Tiberius sōlus est. fugit sine mīlitibus cēterīs. fugit sine exercitū. dēspēranter fugit.



Tiberius:
Ubi sit exercitus?!
Ubi sint mīlitēs cēterī?!
sōlus sum!

Tiberius per silvam rapidē fugit sub tegmine arborum.³ per arborēs sōl nōn lūcet. quam altae⁴ sunt arborēs! quam dēnsae arborēs sunt! nihil, enim, Tiberius in silvā videt. fugiēns per silvam obscūram, Tiberius fatīgat.⁵

Tiberius: *haec nox . . . nimis longa est! quam longa est nox! quam celerrimē⁶ currō!*

currēns, Tiberius valdē fatīgat. per hōrās⁷ currit.

³ **sub tegmine arborum** *under the cover of trees*

⁴ **quam altae** *how tall!*

⁵ **fatīgat** *becomes tired*

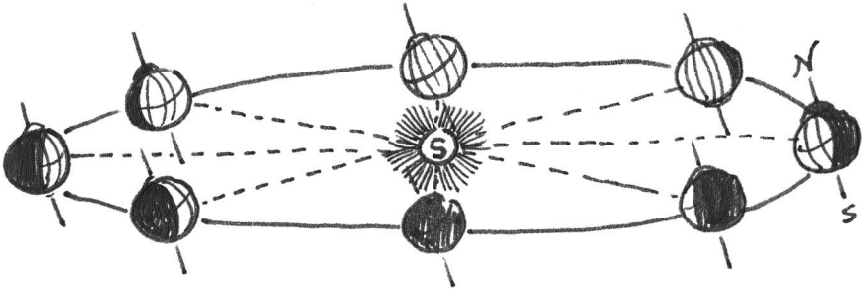
⁶ **quam celerrimē** *as fast as possible*

⁷ **per hōrās** *for hours*

Tiberiō per hōrās currentī,⁸ nox nōn longa, sed perpetua esse vidētur!

Tiberius: *estne nox haec perpetua?! currō per hōrās! Quālis silva est? sitne silva magica?!*

Tiberiō fugientī fatīgantīque,⁹ nox perpetua vidētur esse, sed perpetua nōn est! nox neque perpetua, neque longissima est. nōmen noctī longissimae est “brūma.”¹⁰



nox haec, autem, brūma nōn est. hiems, autem, appropinquat.¹¹ ergō, ferē¹² brūma est. hiems rapidē appropinquat. āēr frīgīdus est. Tiberius est frīgīdus.

⁸ **Tiberiō currentī** *since Tiberius has been running*

⁹ **fugientī fatīgantīque** *fleeing and becoming tired*

¹⁰ **brūma** *the winter solstice (i.e., the longest night of the year)*

¹¹ **appropinquat** *approaches*

¹² **ferē** *almost*

fugiēns, Tiberius valdē fatīgat, sed mīles fortis est. Tiberius, enim, pergīt.¹³ nam, mīlitēs fortēs pergunt.

Tiberius, quī ā mīlitibus cēterīs sēparātus est, per silvam fugit. quam obscūrissima silva est! nam, oculī Tiberiī tegmine arborum dēnsārum obscūrī sunt. haud potest¹⁴ lūnam plēnam vidēre. mīles silvam haud videt.

subitō, Tiberius aliquid audit, deinde gladium celeriter stringit.¹⁵

Tiberius: *Quis sit?! sitne Germānus quī mē interficere vult?*

Tiberius iterum fugere incipit. per silvam obscūram celeriter fugiēns, Tiberius nōn bene videt.

ēheu! Tiberius flūmen vidēre nōn potest!

subitō, in flūmen Tiberius cadit!

¹³ **pergīt** presses on (i.e., continues)

¹⁴ **haud potest** is hardly able

¹⁵ **stringit** draws (from a sheath)

Tiberius in aquam frīgidam cadit. nōn surgit. in aquā,
mīles sōlus neque audītur, neque bene vidētur. nōn
movet.

tantum arborēs in silvā tranquillē movent.



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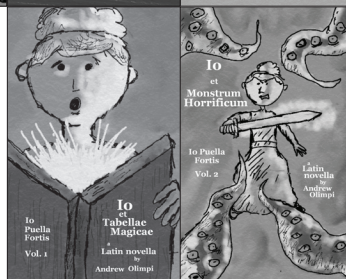


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