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# CAPITULUM I

## BOMBUS

ecce silva.



in silvā sunt multae arborēs. arborēs sunt  
magnae. in silvā habitābat ursus nomine  
Vinnius.

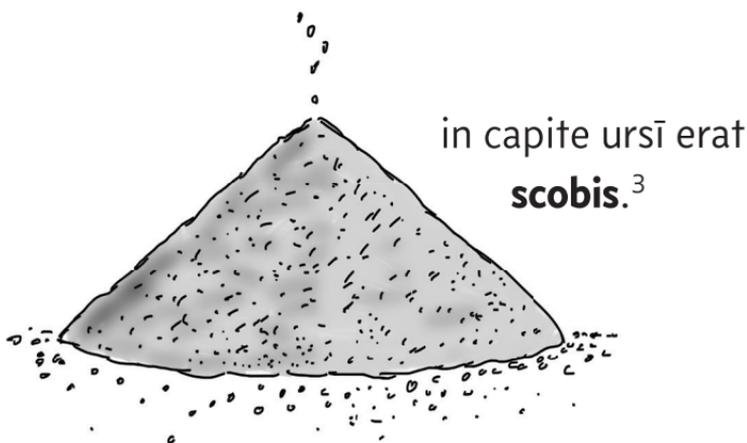
ecce Vinnius.



Vinnius ursus erat laetus. eratne ursus **callidus**?<sup>1</sup> ursus nōn erat callidus.

*cūr ursus Vinnius nōn erat callidus?*

Vinnius nōn erat callidus, quia nōn habuit **cerebrum**.<sup>2</sup>



**quā dē causā**,<sup>4</sup> Vinnius nōn erat callidus.

*cūr erat Vinnius in silvā?*

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<sup>1</sup> callidus: *clever, smart*

<sup>2</sup> cerebrum: *brain*

<sup>3</sup> scobis: *sawdust*

<sup>4</sup> quā dē causā: *for this reason*

Vinnius ībat **ad vīsītandum**<sup>5</sup> amīcum  
(nomine Porcellum).



Porcellus quoque in silvā  
habitābat.

Porcellus ursō placuit. Porcellus erat  
amīcus bonus ursō Vinniō. laetē Vinnius  
iit ad vīsītandum Porcellum.

subitō Vinnius sonum audīvit:

bzzzzzzzzzz . . .




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<sup>5</sup> ad vīsītandum: *to visit*

sonō audītō, Vinnius erat cūriōsus.

ursus cūriōsus **rem**  
cōgitāvit.<sup>6</sup>



Vinnius: *hmmm . . . sonum audiō. quis hunc<sup>7</sup> sonum facit? Porcellusne sonum facit?*

iterum Vinnius sonum audīvit.



<sup>6</sup> rem cōgitāvit: *thought about the situation.*

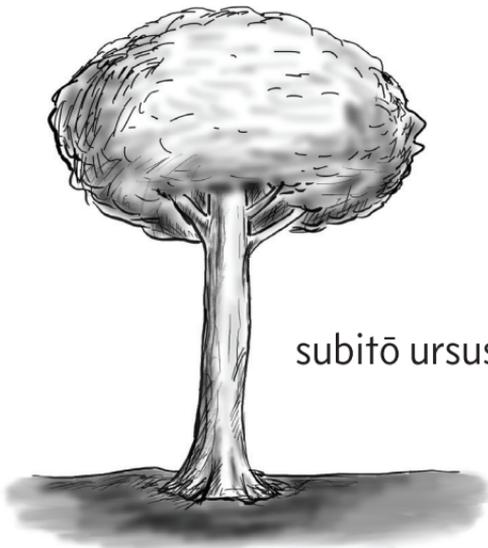
<sup>7</sup> hunc: *this*

*Porcellus hunc sonum nōn facit.  
est **bombus**.<sup>8</sup> Porcellus **nōn bombit**.<sup>9</sup>*

*quis bombit?*



*iterum ursus rem  
cōgitāvit.*



*subitō ursus arborem vīdit.*

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<sup>8</sup> *bombus*: a buzz

<sup>9</sup> *nōn bombit*: does not buzz

**haec**<sup>10</sup> arbor est magna! arbore magnā **vīsā**,<sup>11</sup> Vinnius cūriōsus arborem īspēxit. dum Vinnius arborem īspiciēbat, bombus iterum audītus est:



arbore īspectā, Vinnius **mīrātus est!**<sup>12</sup>  
ursus scīvit quis bombīret!

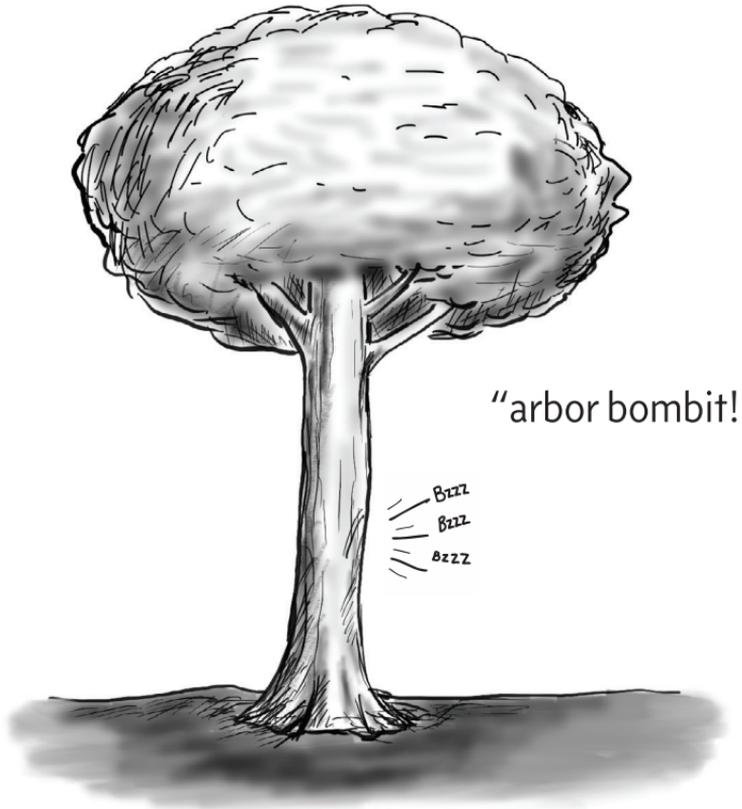
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<sup>10</sup> haec: *this*

<sup>11</sup> vīsā: *having been seen*

<sup>12</sup> mīrātus est: *was amazed, wondered*

Vinnius "**babae!**"<sup>13</sup> inquit, "ego sciō quis bombiat! sum ursus callidus!



"est mīrāculum! haec arbor potest bombīre!"

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<sup>13</sup> babae: "wow!"



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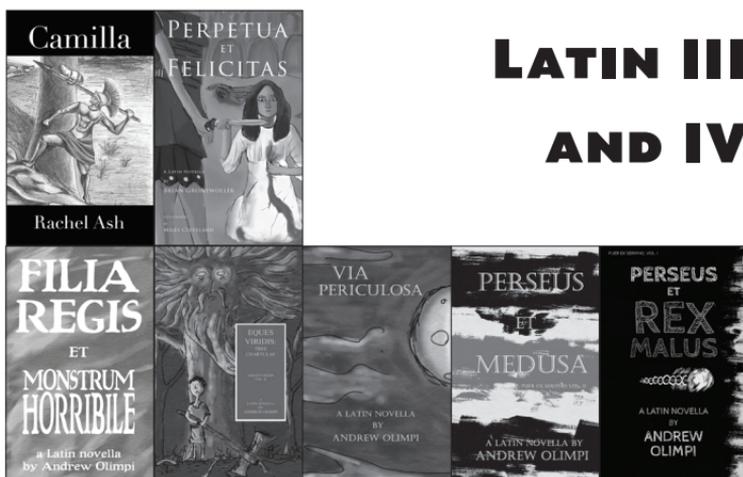


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