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Capitulum I

nūbēs



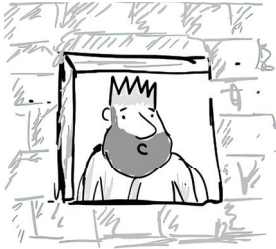
turris est magna. turris est in urbe Clūsiō.
Clūsium est urbs magna in Ītaliā antīquā.



in turri est rex.
rex vocatur
Lars Porsena.

Lars est rēx **Etrūscus**.¹ multī Etrūscī in
Ītaliā habitant.

ecce rēx in turri.



rēx est ānxius!
cūr est rēx
ānxius?

rēx: “ecce **nūbēs**.² nūbēs est magna et
immēnsa . . .
et horrifca!”



prope rēgem est vir.
vir vocātur Titus. Titus
est **scrība**³ rēgis.

¹ Etrūscus: *Etruscan* (*The Etruscans were ancient inhabitants of Italy*)

² nūbēs: *cloud*

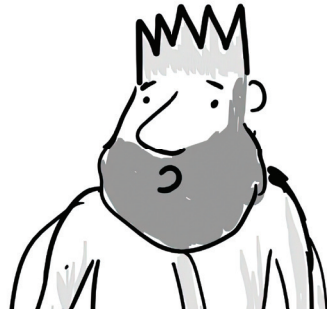
³ scrība: *scribe*

Titus: “cūr est nūbēs horrifica? sunt multae nūbēs in caelō! nūbēs nōn sunt horrificae.”



Lars: “ecce nūbēs nōn est in caelō, sed in terrā est. ego nūbem timeō. nūbēs est magna et rapida. nūbēs magna ad urbem meam rapidē currit!

“nōn est nūbēs
nātūrālis!”



Titus cūrīōsus est et nūbem īnspectat.

Lars: “quid est nūbēs, ō Tite?”

“**sitne**⁴ mōnstrum?”



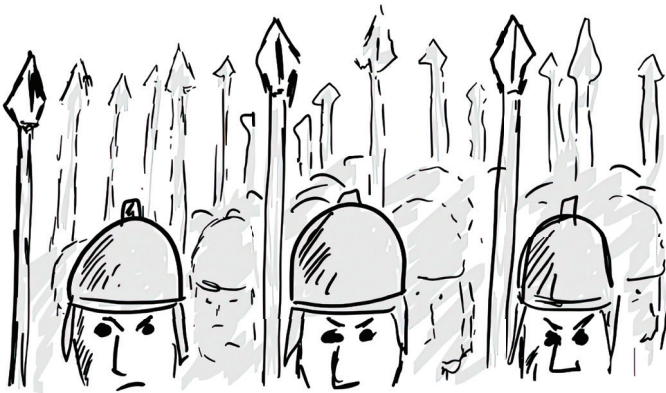
⁴ sitne: *could it be . . . ?*

Titus: “ego nōn putō nūbem esse mōnstrum.”



Lars: “sitne phantasma?”

Titus: “ego nōn putō nūbem esse phantasma. putō nūbem esse **exercitum**.”⁵



Lars: “exercitum? exercitus ad urbem rapidē currit? sitne exercitus amīcus an hostīlis?”

nunc nūbēs est prope urbem. rēx multōs virōs in nūbe videt. rēx putat virōs esse exercitum hostīlem!

⁵ exercitum: *an army*

Titus vult investigāre nūbem. Titus currit
ex turrī ad nūbem investigandam.



rēx est ānxius.