What's Roman about Plautus' *Trinummus*? CAMWS 2022

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Passage 1

LUX: Sequere hac me, gnata, ut munus fungaris tuom.

INO: Sequor, sed finem fore quem dicam nescio. LUX: Adest. em illae sunt aedes, i intro nunciam.

Passage 2

huic Graece nomen est Thesauro fabulae: Philemo scripsit, Plautus vortit barbare, nomen Trinummo fecit, nunc hoc vos rogat ut liceat possidere hanc nomen fabulam.

Passage 3

nam postquam hic eius rem confregit filius videtque ipse ad paupertatem protractum esse se suamque filiam esse adultam virginem, simul eius matrem suamque uxorem mortuam, quoniam hinc iturust ipsus in Seleuciam, mihi commendavit virginem gnatam suam et rem suam omnem et illum corruptum filium.

Passage 4

Meg: inconciliastine eum qui mandatust tibi, ille qui mandavit, eum exturbasti ex aedibus? ...crede huic tutelam: suam melius rem gesserit.

Haven't you plotted against the very one entrusted to your care?

Passage 5

Stas: Propemodum quid illic festinet sentio et subolet mihi:

ut agro evortat Lesbonicum, quando evortit aedibus. o ere Charmides, quom apsenti hic tua res distrahitur tibi,

utinam te rediisse salvom videam, ut inimicos tuos ulciscare....

LUX: Follow me this way, daughter, so that you can fulfill your civic duty.

INO: I am following, but I don't know what the purpose/destination/ending may be.

LUX: (Pointing to Charmides' house) Here it is. Look, this is the house. Go inside now (1-3)

The name of this play in Greek is *The Treasure*: Philemon wrote it, Plautus turned it barbarian; he made its name *Three Coins*; now he asks you to allow the play to bear this name. (18-21)

After this son of his shattered his father's fortunes and he himself saw that he had been dragged down to poverty

and that his daughter was full grown but unmarried, at the same time seeing that his wife, the girl's mother, was dead,

when he was about to leave here for Seleucia, he entrusted to me his unwed daughter, his entire estate.

and that reprobate son of his. (108-114)

And the one who did the entrusting, haven't you driven him out of his house?

...trust this guy with custody, he'll care for his own bottom line better. (136-137, 139)

I pretty much sense and have sniffed out why that guy was in a hurry:

So that he could wheedle Lesbonicus out of the farm, just like he wheedled him out of the house.

O master Charmides, right now, while your wealth is being pulled to pieces in your absence,

If only I could see you returned here safe and sound to take revenge on your enemies! (615-619).

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Passage 6

Lys: atque istum ego agrum tibi relinqui ob eam rem enixe

expeto, ut tibi sit qui te corrigere possis, ne omnino inopiam

ciues obiectare possint tibi quos tu inimicos habes.

As for me, I strongly beg that you keep possession of the farm

And for this reason: so that you have some means of fixing your situation,

So that your enemies among the citizens can't completely insult you on account of your poverty. (652-654)

Passage 7

Cal: illum corruptum filium

that delinquent son

Cal: ille ignavos ... quin comedit quod fuit, quod non fuit

that degenerate who ate what he had and what he didn't have (114, 165, 361)

Passage 8

Char: ego miserrumeis periclis sum per maria maxuma

vectus, capitali periclo per praedones plurumos me servavi, salvos redii: nunc hic disperii miser propter eosdem quorum causa fui hac aetate exercitus.

adimit animam mi aegritudo.

Char: Through the most terrible dangers and the deepest seas I have been

delivered, through deadly dangers and dens of pirates

I saved my own skin. I made it home alive! But now, here, I meet my end, pathetic, all on account of those for whose sake I was forced abroad, at my age.

The sickness of it steals my breath away. (1087-1091)

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