

[ΑΙΤΙΩΝ Β']

(De ordine fragmentorum huius libri non constat.)

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(DE SICILIAE URBIBUS) (ll. 12-83)

καὶ γὰρ ἐγὼ τὰ μὲν ὅσσα κερήατι τῆμος ἔδωκα
 ξανθὰ σὺν εὐόδοις ἀβρὰ λίπη στεφάνοις,
 ἄπνοα πάντ' ἐγένοντο παρὰ χρέος, ὅσσα τ' ὀδόντων
 15 ἔνδοθι νεύαιραν τ' εἰς ἀχάριστον ἔδν,
 καὶ τῶν οὐδὲν ἔμεινεν ἐς αὔριον· ὅσσα δ' ἀκουαῖς
 εἰσεθέμην, ἔτι μοι μούνα πάρεστι τάδε.—

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φθιν]οπωρίδες ὦραι
 ἴμη διὰ πεμφίγων <αἰ>έν ἄγουσι νέα.
 φήσω καὶ Καμάριναν ἴν' Ἴππαρις ἀγκύλος ἔρπει

οἶδα Γέλα ποταμοῦ κεφαλῇ ἔπι κείμενον ἄστν
 Λίνδοθεν ἀρχαίη [σ]κιμπ[τόμενο]ν γενε[λή],

14 παρὰ χρέος pap. ut voluerat Naeke: παραχρήμ' codd.
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AETIA: BOOK II

(The sequence of the fragments in this book is unknown.)

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(ON THE SICILIAN CITIES)

12 . . . for certainly all the soft amber ointments and
 the fragrant garlands I then put on my head swiftly
 breathed no more, and of all that passed my teeth
 and plunged into the ungrateful belly nothing re-
 mained till the morrow; but the only things which
 I still keep are those that I laid in my ears.

40 . . . the Autumn season . . . I shall also tell of
 Camarina,^a where winding Hipparis crawls . . .

46 I know of the city lying at the mouth of the river
 Gelas, boasting its ancient descent from Lindus,^b

^a Camarina, a Dorian colony (founded in 599 B.C.) in
 southern Sicily near modern Scoglitti.

^b Gela, a Dorian colony in southern Sicily, founded by
 Cretans and Rhodians (in 690 B.C.).

16 ἀκουαῖς codd.: -αῖς Bentley. 40 suppl. Maas. 47-49
 suppl. Hu.

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Μινώων καὶ Κρήσσαν, ἴ[να ζείον]τα λοετ[ρά]
 χεῦαν ἐπ' Εὐρώπης υἱεὶ Κ[ωκαλί]δες·
 50 οἶδα Λεοντίνους . δεδρα[
 καὶ Μεγαρεῖς ἔτερ[οι] τρῶς ἀ[πέ]μρασσαν ἐκεῖ
 Νισαῖοι Μεγαρήες, ἔχω δ' Εὐβοίαν ἐνισπεῖν
 φίλατο κα[ί] κεστ[ο]ῦ [δ]εσπότη[ι]ς ἦν "Ερυκα·
 τῶν οὐδεμῆ γὰρ ὄτ[ι]ς πο[τέ] τείχος ἔδειμε
 55 νωνυμνὶ νομίμην ἔρχετ' ἐπ' εἰλαπίνην."
 ὡς ἐφάμην· Κλειὸν δὲ τὸ [δ]εύτερον ἤρχ[ετο μ]ύθ[ου]
 χεῖρ' ἐπ' ἀδελφειῆς ὤμον ἐρεισαμένη·
 "λαὸς ὁ μὲν Κύμης ὁ δὲ Χαλκίδος, ὃν Περιήρης
 ἤγαγε καὶ μεγάλου λῆμα Κραταιμένεος,
 60 Τρινακρίας ἐπέβησαν, ἐτείχιζον δὲ πόλῃα
 ἄρπασον οἰωνῶν οὐχὶ φυλα[σσο]μένοι
 ἔχθιστον κτίστησαν, ἐρωδιῶς εἰ μὴ ἐφέ]ρπει·
 καὶ γὰρ ὁ βασκαίνει πύργον ἐ[γειρόμε]νον,
 γεωδαῖται καὶ σπάρτα διηνεκές εὔτε βάλωνται,
 65 στείνεα καὶ λευρὰς ὄφρα τάμ[ωσι]ν ὀ]δοῦς.
 μέρμ[ο]ν μοι πτερύγεσσι [.]ου τε
 νέοιο,
 εἴ κοτετιξί[. . .]ην λαὸν ἔποικον ἄ[γοι]ς.

51 suppl. Pf. 53-54 suppl. Hu. 61-62 suppl.
 Hu. 63 suppl. Housman. 65 suppl. Hu.
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and Cretan Minoa,^a where the daughters of Cocalus poured upon the son of Europa boiling water for his bath.^b I know of Leontini^c . . . and the Megarians sent out there by the other Megarians, those of Nisa^d; and I can speak of Euboea^e and Eryx, beloved by the mistress of the charmed girdle.^f No one whoever once built a wall for any of these cities comes 55 to its customary feast without being named." So I said. And Clio went on to speak yet again, resting her arm upon her sister's shoulder: "The people whom Perieres and the great and arrogant Crataemenes led came in part from Cyme and in part from Chalcis; 60 they landed in Sicily and were building the walls of a city without guarding themselves against the *harpasos*,^g which is the most hostile of birds for builders if not followed by a heron; for it has an evil influence on a rising tower and on the measuring 65 cord, as the surveyors stretch it out to lay a narrow alley and a flat street. . . . may you go . . . the wings of a hawk . . . if you ever lead a people to a colony (in

^a City on the south coast of Sicily, near Selinus.

^b Minos pursued Daedalus to Sicily, where he found him in the house of Cocalus, king of Camicus. He demanded the surrender of Daedalus; Cocalus, pretending to agree, received Minos with a show of hospitality, and handed him over to his daughters to be bathed in the Homeric fashion. They killed him by pouring boiling water over him.

^c Leontini, a colony of Naxos (founded c. 729 B.C.).

^d Hyblaea Megara, near Syracuse, was founded by the Nisean Megarians of the Greek mainland.

^e Sicilian city near Syracuse.

^f Aphrodite, patron of the city of Eryx.

^g An unknown bird of prey.

66 πτερύγεσσι[ν ὑπ' αἰγυπι]οῦ τε vel μετ' ἰκτείν]ου τε suppl. Housman: ἐπ' αἰγυπι]οῦ Körte: ἐν αἰγυπι]οῦ Ehlers. 67
 suppl. Housman: κοτ' ἐ(π)ί ξ[ε]μην coni. Hu.