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PASSAGE 1

The Theban women prepare to worship Bacchus but the daughters of Minyas, led by Alcithoe, refuse to take part, despite the warnings of a priest.

The Thebans gathered at the god's sacred rites, burnt incense, and bowed before his shrines.

at non Alcithoe Minyeias orgia¹ censet
accipienda dei, sed adhuc temeraria² Bacchum
progeniem³ negat esse Iovis sociasque sorores
impietatis habet. festum celebrare sacerdos
iusserat et saevam laesi fore numinis⁴ iram 5
vaticinatus erat⁵: parent matresque nurusque⁶
telasque⁷ calathosque⁸ infectaque pensa⁹ reponunt
turaque¹⁰ dant Bacchumque vocant Bromiumque Lyaeumque.

Later that day, the daughters of Minyas are punished for their impiety by being turned into bats.

iamque dies exactus erat, tempusque subibat
quod tu nec tenebras nec possis dicere lucem, 10
sed cum luce tamen dubiae confinia¹¹ noctis.
tectae repente quati¹² pinguesque ardere videntur
lampades¹³, et rutilis¹⁴ conlucent ignibus aedes.
fumida iam timidae latitant¹⁵ per tecta sorores
diversaeque locis ignes ac lumina vitant, 15
dumque petunt tenebras, parvos membrana¹⁶ per artus
porrigitur¹⁷, tenuesque includunt bracchia pennae¹⁸.
... non illas pluma¹⁹ levavit,
sustinuere tamen se perlucentibus alis,
conataeque loqui, minimam et pro corpore vocem 20
emittunt, peraguntque levi stridore²⁰ querelas.
tectaque non silvas celebrant lucemque perosae²¹
nocte volant.

Ovid, 'Metamorphoses' 4.1–11, 399–415 (with omissions)

NAMES

Alcithoe, -es (f)	Alcithoe
Minyeias, -adis (f)	daughter of Minyas
Bacchus, -i (m)	Bacchus (son of Jupiter and god of wine)
Bromius, -i (m)	Bromius (another name for Bacchus)
Lyaeus, -i (m)	Lyaeus (another name for Bacchus)

WORDS

1	orgia, -orum (n pl)	secret rites
2	temerarius, -a, -um	rash, foolish
3	progenies, -ei (f)	son
4	numen, -inis (n)	god
5	vaticinor, -ari, -atus	I prophesy, foretell
6	nurus, -us (f)	young woman
7	tela, -ae (f)	thread
8	calathus, -i (m)	basket
9	pensum, -i (n)	task
10	tus, turis (n)	incense
11	confinium, -i (n)	boundary, borderline
12	quatio, quaterere	I shake
13	lampas, -adis (f)	lamp
14	rutilus, -a, -um	red
15	latito, -are	I hide
16	membrana, -ae (f)	membrane, thin skin
17	porrigo, -ere	I stretch
18	penna, -ae (f)	wing
19	pluma, -ae (f)	feather
20	stridor, -oris (m)	a squeak, squeaking
21	perosus, -a, -um	hating, detesting

PASSAGE 2A

Oceanum interea surgens Aurora reliquit.
it portis iubare exorto delecta iuventus,
retia rara, plagae, lato venabula ferro,
Massylique ruunt equites et odora canum vis.
reginam thalamo cunctantem ad limina primi 5
Poenorum exspectant, ostroque insignis et auro
stat sonipes ac frena ferox spumantia mandit.
tandem progreditur magna stipante caterva
Sidoniam picto chlamydem circumdata limbo;
cui pharetra ex auro, crines nodantur in aurum, 10
aurea purpuream subnectit fibula vestem.
nec non et Phrygii comites et laetus Iulus
incedunt. ipse ante alios pulcherrimus omnes
infert se socium Aeneas atque agmina iungit.
qualis ubi hibernam Lyciam Xanthique fluenta 15
deserit ac Delum maternam invisit Apollo
instauratque choros, mixtique altaria circum
Cretesque Dryopesque fremunt pictique Agathyrsi;
ipse iugis Cynthi graditur mollique fluentem
fronde premit crinem fingens atque implicat auro, 20
tela sonant umeris: haud illo segnior ibat
Aeneas, tantum egregio decus enitet ore.

Virgil, 'Aeneid' 4.129–150

PASSAGE 2B

ut primum alatis tetigit magalia plantis,
Aenean fundantem arces ac tecta novantem
conspicit. atque illi stellatus iaspide fulva
ensis erat Tyrioque ardebat murice laena
demissa ex umeris, dives quae munera Dido
fecerat, et tenui telas discreverat auro. 5
continuo invadit: ‘tu nunc Karthaginis altae
fundamenta locas pulchramque uxorius urbem
exstruis? heu, regni rerumque oblite tuarum!
ipse deum tibi me claro demittit Olympo 10
regnator, caelum et terras qui numine torquet.’

Virgil, ‘Aeneid’ 4.259–269

PASSAGE 3A

**felix agrestum quondam pacata iuventus,
divitiae quorum messis et arbor erant!
illis munus erat decussa Cydonia ramo,
et dare puniceis plena canistra rubis,
nunc violas tondere manu, nunc mixta referre 5
lilia vimineos lucida per calathos,
et portare suis vestitas frondibus uvas
aut variam plumae versicoloris avem.
his tum blanditiis furtiva per antra puellae
oscula silvicolis empta dedere viris. 10
hinnulei pellis totos operibat amantes,
altaque nativo creverat herba toro,
pinus et incumbens lentas circumdabat umbras;
nec fuerat nudas poena videre deas.**

.....

**at nunc desertis cessant sacraria lucis: 15
aurum omnes victa iam pietate colunt.
auro pulsa fides, auro venalia iura,
aurum lex sequitur, mox sine lege pudor.
torrida sacrilegum testantur limina Brennum,
dum petit intonsi Pythia regna dei: 20
at mons laurigero concussus vertice diras
Gallica Parnasus sparsit in arma nives.
te scelus accepto Thracis Polymestoris auro
nutrit in hospitio non, Polydore, pio.
tu quoque ut auratos gereres, Eriphyla, lacertos, 25
delapsis nusquam est Amphiaraus equis.
proloquar: – atque utinam patriae sim verus haruspex! –
frangitur ipsa suis Roma superba bonis.**

Propertius, 'Elegies' 3.13.25–38, 47–60

PASSAGE 3B

magnum iter ad doctas proficisci cogor Athenas,
ut me longa gravi solvat amore via.
crescit enim assidue spectando cura puellae:
ipse alimenta sibi maxima praebet amor.
omnia sunt temptata mihi, quacumque fugari 5
posset: at ex omni me premit ipse deus.
vix tamen aut semel admittit, cum saepe negarit:
seu venit, extremo dormit amicta toro.
unum erit auxilium: mutatis Cynthia terris
quantum oculis, animo tam procul ibit amor. 10

Propertius, 'Elegies' 3.21.1–10



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