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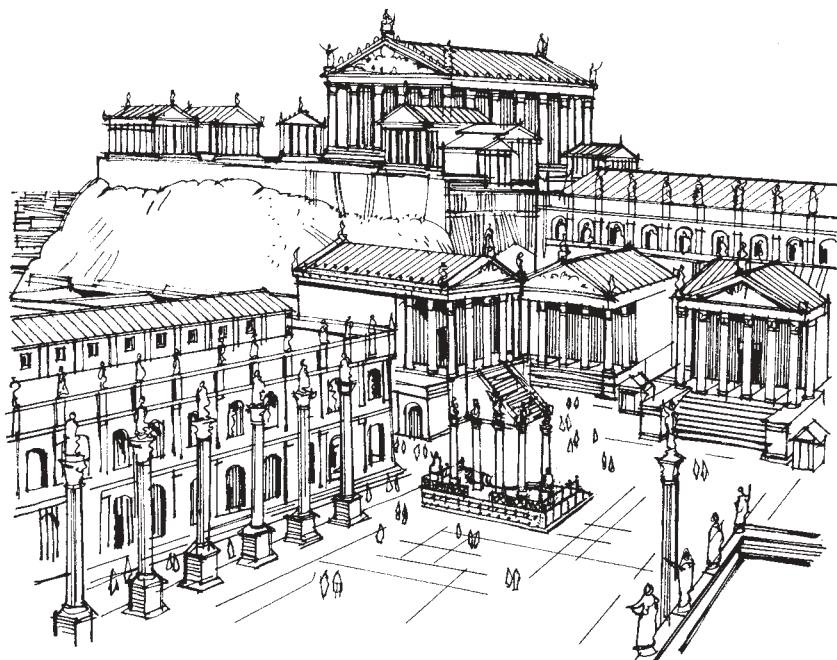
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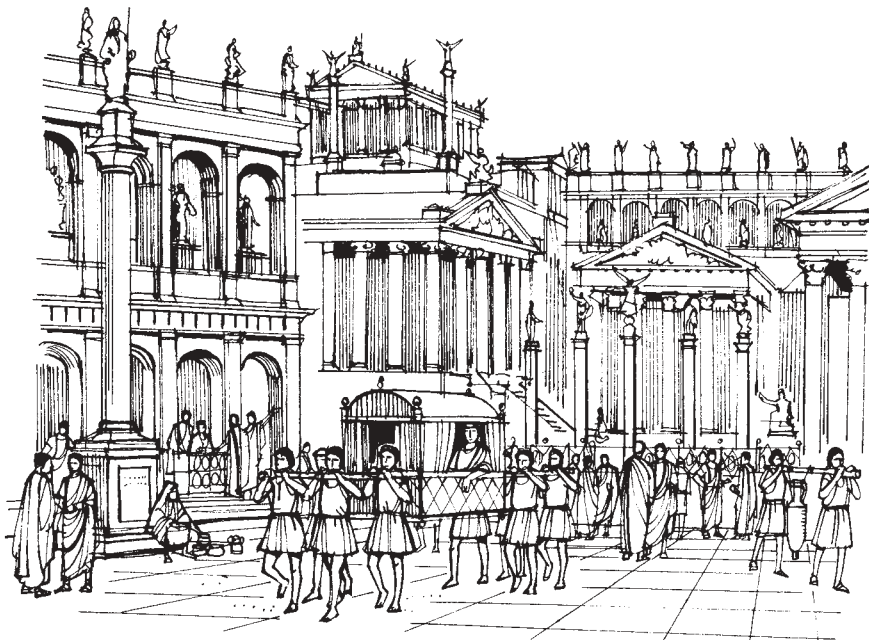
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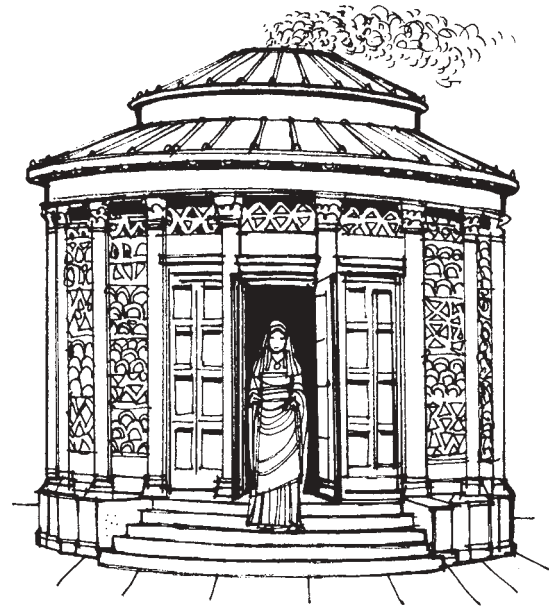
- 1 in mediā Rōmā est mōns nōtissimus, quī Capitōlium appellātur.
in summō Capitōliō stat templum, ubi deus Iuppiter adōrātur.



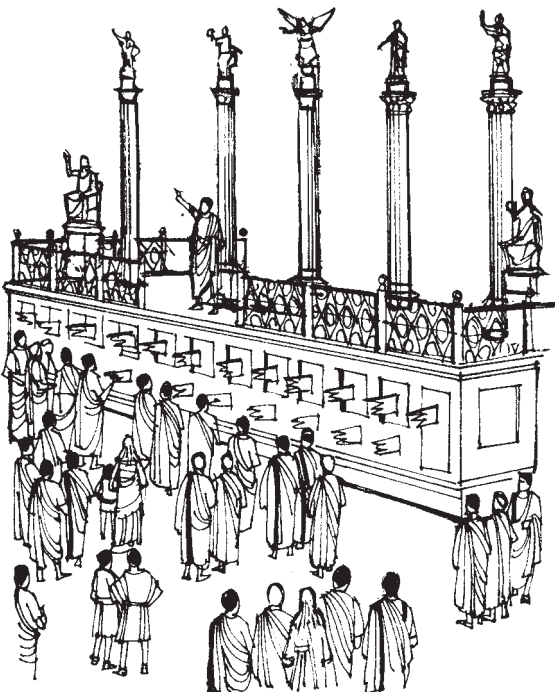
- 2 sub Capitōliō iacet Forum Rōmānum.
forum ab ingentī multītūdine cīvium cotidiē complētur.
aliī negōtium agunt; aliī in porticibus stant et ab amicīs salūtantur; aliī per forum in lecticīs feruntur. ubīque magnus strepitus audītur.



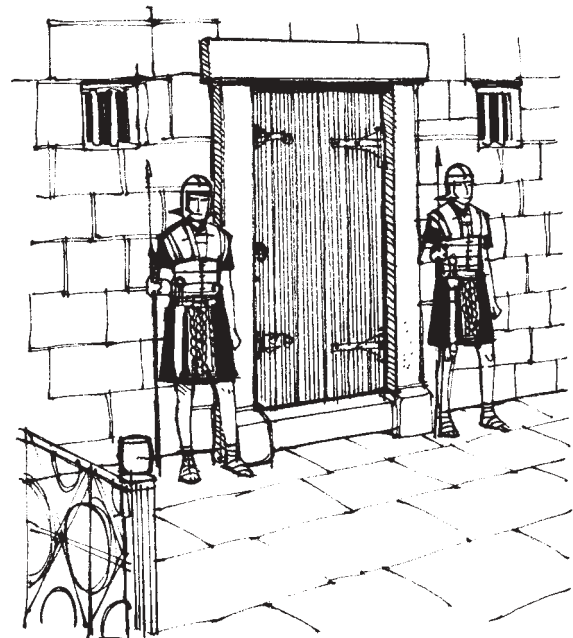
3 aliquandō pompae splendidae per forum dūcuntur.



4 prope medium forum est templum Vestae, ubi ignis sacer ā Virginibus Vestālibus cūratur.



5 in extrēmō forō stant Rōstra, ubi ōrātiōnēs apud populū habentur.



6 prope Rōstra est carcer, ubi captivī populī Rōmānī custōdiuntur.

nox

I

nox erat. lūna stēllaeque in caelō serēnō fulgēbant. tempus erat quō hominēs quiēscere solent. Rōmae tamen nūlla erat quiēs, nūllum silentium.

magnīs in domibus, ubi dīvitēs habitābant, cēnae splendidae cōnsūmēbantur. cibus sūmptuosus ā servīs offerēbātur; vīnum optimum ab ancillis fundēbātur; carmina ā citharoedīs perītissimīs cantābantur.

in altīs autem īnsulis, nūllae cēnae splendidae cōnsūmēbantur, nūllī citharoedī audiēbantur. ibi pauperēs, famē paene cōfectī, vītā miserrimā agēbant. aliī ad patrōnōs epistulās scribēbant ut auxilium eōrum peterent, aliī scelera committere parābant.

prope forum magnus strepitus audiēbātur. nam arcus magnificus in Viā Sacrā exstruēbātur. ingēns polypaston arcuī imminēbat. fabrī, quī arcum exstruēbant, dīligentissimē labōrābant. aliī figūrās in arcū sculpēbant; aliī titulum in fronte arcūs īnscribēbant; aliī marmor ad summum arcum tollēbant. omnēs strēnuē labōrābant ut arcum ante lūcem perficerent. nam Imperātor Domitiānus hunc arcum frātrī Titō postrīdiē dēdicāre volēbat. Titum vīvum oderat; sed Titum mortuum honōrāre cupiēbat. Domitiānus enim populum Rōmānum, quī Titum maximē dīlēxerat, nunc sibi favēre volēbat.

II

praeerat huic operī Quīntus Haterius Latrōniānus, redēptor nōtissimus. eā nocte ipse fabrōs furēns incitābat. aderat quoque Gāius Salvius Līberālis, Hateriī patrōnus, quī eum invicem incitābat ut opus ante lūcem perficeret. anxius enim erat Salvius quod Imperātōrī persuāserat ut Haterium operī praeficeret. hic igitur fabrīs, quamquam omnīnō fessī erant, identidem imperāvīt nē labōre dēsisterent.

Glītus, magister fabrōrum, Haterium lēnīre temptābat. 'ecce, domine!' inquit. 'fabrī iam arcum paene perfēcērunt. ultimae litterae tituli nunc īnscribuntur; ultimae figūrae sculpuntur; ultimae marmoris massae ad summum arcum tolluntur.'

serēnō: **serēnus** *calm, clear*

fulgēbant: **fulgēre** *shine*

tempus *time*

Rōmae *at Rome*

quiēs *rest*

domibus: **domus** *house, home*

carmina: **carmen** *song*

altīs: **altus** *high*

īnsulis: **īnsula** *block of flats*

famē: **famēs** *hunger*

cōfectī: **cōfectus** *worn out, exhausted*

patrōnōs: **patrōnus** *patron*

arcus *arch*

Viā Sacrā: **Via Sacra** *the Sacred*

Way (road running through the Forum)

polypaston *crane*

fabrī: **faber** *craftsman, workman*

figūrās: **figūra** *figure, shape*

sculpēbant: **sculpere** *carve*

titulum: **titulus** *inscription*

fronte: **frōns** *front*

īnscribēbant: **īnscribere** *write, inscribe*

marmor *marble*

ante *before*

lūcem: **lūx** *light, daylight*

perficerent: **perficere** *finish*

dēdicāre *dedicate*

operī: **opus** *work, construction*

redēptor *contractor, builder*

invicem *in turn*

identidem *repeatedly*

lēnīre *soothe, calm down*

ultimae: **ultimus** *last*

litterae: **littera** *letter*

massae: **massa** *block*