

## Instructions for Aurelia Nais

As an introduction to conversing and navigating in the VRoma online virtual environment and to "living as a Roman in VRoma," we are going to enact a role-playing scenario. Instead of connecting with your own VRoma character, you are going to connect as a lower-class Roman based on a real person who once lived in the city of Rome, a person known to us now only through one or more inscriptions but once a living, breathing Roman.

The characters have been assigned at random to the members of the class. Your character will be **Aurelia Nais**, a seller of fish in the port district of Rome. Connect with the special username and password that your teacher will give to you.

You will enter VRoma in your special location (in this case **Pisces Ubique**, your fish shop next to the Horrea Galbana, a major warehouse in the Emporium district, which is your character's "home"). Click on the icon for Aurelia Nais and read the description carefully, including all the links, one of which will show you the actual inscription on which your character is based. Below the description, you will see that you are carrying a Scroll for Aurelia Nais. Click this and read your specific instructions for the game. Others will be able to see and read your description, but not this scroll. Before your class acts out the scenario, you should explore all sections of the port district, including the Emporium, the Porticus Aemiliae, and the Horrea Galbana, as well as your own shop, carefully reading all the links so that you will have sufficient information about the location and Roman trade and commerce. This will prepare you to carry out your tasks (described in your scroll, the text of which is also included below).

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### Scenario:

The *praefectus annonae* has invited you to be part of a group of Romans who will accompany a young woman from the province of Baetica, Coelia Mascellina, on a tour of various locations in Rome. She has recently taken over her mother's business of exporting olive oil and wine from Baetica, and the prefect wants to make sure she enjoys this tour so that he can negotiate a favorable contract with her to supply olive oil for the troops. He is counting on you to introduce her to the part of Rome you know best.

### Your Tasks:

- 1) Reveal your personality to Coelia and the others in the group as you converse and move about the city. You, Aurelia Nais, are humorous, friendly, and outgoing. You are also strong and independent, proud to be a woman in a man's profession and not interested in typical female things like clothes and jewelry. You are not highly educated but very intelligent, with excellent organizational skills.
- 2) First take the group to your shop, Pisces Ubique, right next to the Horrea Galbana in the port district of Rome. Ask everyone to start at Rome by using the Quick Jump bookmark or typing **@go Rome**, then click on **Region 13** in the map, and then click **Horrea Galbana** and use the exit for **Pisces Ubique**. Tell them a little about your business and then give them a tour of the district, including the Horrea, the Porticus Aemilia, and the Emporium. Pick out the most interesting and relevant facts about each location to highlight for the group (and tell them which links in each description they should click). Coelia will be particularly interested in this area because this is where her business in Rome will be centered.