

## Instructions for Glyconis

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 **Glyconis**, a fun-loving (and wine-loving) *matrona*. 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 the **Thermopolium of Scintilla**, which is your character's "home"). Click on the icon for Glyconis 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 Glyconis. 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 thoroughly explore the Thermopolium of Scintilla, practicing how to use all the objects (dipping the ladle in the wine bar, removing cups and food from the cupboard, drinking from the cups and eating food). 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, Glyconis, are a sweet-tempered, generous, friendly and fun-loving person; you are not especially intelligent and have no patience with serious or intellectual things. You adore your twin sons and love your husband, but your manner is flirtatious and you really enjoy a good time, especially if it involves wine.
- 2) Take the group to the Thermopolium of Scintilla; the best way to get there is for everyone to type **@go Thermopolium** and then click **Thermopolium of Scintilla**. Give the group a party -- first demonstrate how to pick up and use the ladle, then give it to one of the group and ask them to try, after which they can hand it to someone else. Then show them how to take objects from the cupboard and eat them or drink from them. Encourage people to have fun handing around the objects and eating or drinking, and make sure they know that there is a latrine handy after all that drinking!