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INTRODUCTION

Introductio

Hail, my fellow Latin-loving friends!

Most people's memories of learning Latin include grey-haired teachers and useful phrases like *Marcus est in latrina*, which they've never used since. But some of us have held on tight to this crumbling relic of a language in admiration, in the hope that one day we could breathe life into it again. Well, that day has arrived.

With Latin translations to suit every situation we modern folk find ourselves in, you'll never be lost for words. Whether you're complaining on holiday, buying a pint down the pub or just want to sound smart when you're at the office, then this book (and a few hours of practice) is just what you need.

So don your finest toga, wrap an olive branch around your head and step out into the twenty-first century, grasping your mobile-communication system (with high-speed Internet access, MP3 player and digital camera) and declare to the world: I speak Latin, you loser, and I'm proud!

And remember: Latin will only die if we do not speak it.

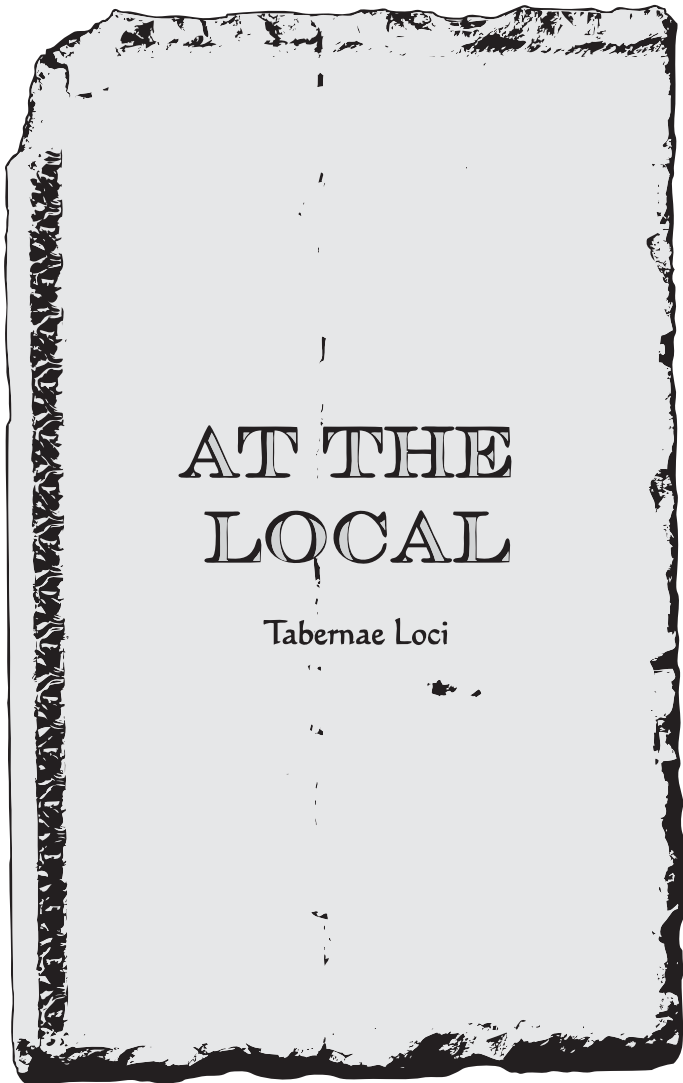
Salve, amici mei qui lingua Latina utuntur!

Homines qui linguam Latinam didicerunt recordant plerumque magistros capillis canis et locutiones utiles sicut Marcus est in latrina, quibus non utuntur ex hoc tempore. Sed nonnulli nostri tenuerunt fortiter has reliquias friantes linguae admirantes et sperentes uno die posse inspirare vitam in eas rursus. Bene, hic dies advenit.

Cum translationibus aptis omnibus rerum statibus, numquam carebis verbis. Sive queror in feriis sive vis videri callidum esse in tabulario, hoc liber (et paucae horae exercitationis) sunt accurate quo cares.

Ergo, optimam togam indue, involve ramum olivae circum tempora et exi in saeculum vicesimum primum, tenens machinam communicationis in via (cum rapido aditu ad telam, lusore MP3 et camera photographica digitale) et declare mundo: Utor Latina, amittor, et superbus sum!

Et recordate: Latina solum cadet de usu si non ea utimur.



If binge drinking was an Olympic sport,
Britain would get the gold medal.

*Si bibere nimis esset ludus Olympicus,
tolleret Britannia clipeum aureum.*



It's your round.

Vicis tua.



What's your poison?

Quod est venenum vestrum?

Two pints of lager and a packet of pork
scratchings, my good man.

*Duo sextarii lager et sarcinula
scabationum porcinae, homo meus.*



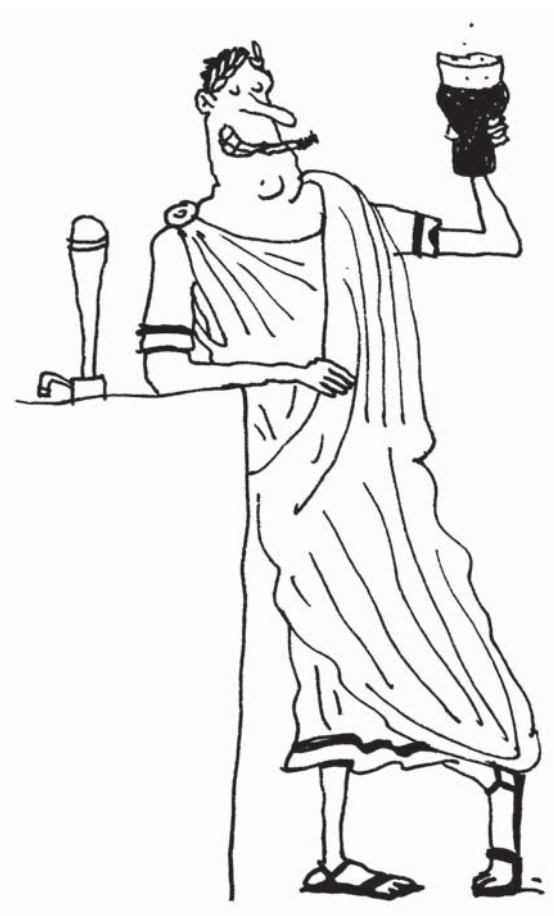
Anyone for a liquid lunch?

*Aliquis est qui prandium
liquidum vult?*



Fancy a bit of karaoke?

Visne aliquid de carminibus in vice?



Cheers!

Salve!

There's not a pub quiz in town I can't win.

*Non est aenigma tabernae in oppido
quo non possum victoriam adipisci.*



I'll tell you what makes a
good pool player. Beer.

*Dicam tibi quod te faciat bonum
lusorem ludi globularum
coloratorum. Cervisa.*



This beer belly is living proof of a lifetime
of philosophical contemplation.

*Venter elongatus cervisa
signum est vitae consumptae
contemplatione philosophica.*

Are you still serving food?

Adhucne victum ministras?



Three packets of Quavers please,
I haven't eaten.

*Sarcinulae tres Quavorum
si vis, nihil edi.*



I don't waste money on the
fruit machines. I sometimes win.

*Non perdo pecuniam machinis frugis.
Nonnumquam vinco.*

Stop touching my wife!

Desine tangere mulierem meam!



I think we should get married here.

*Credo nos debere matrimonio
coniungi hic.*



Put it on my tab.

Affer illud ad meam expensam.