

Wheelock Ch. 27: ALLEY CAT

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illa Lesbia, quam Catullus ūnam
plūs quam sē atque suōs amāvit omnēs,
nunc in quadriviīs et angiportīs
glūbit magnanimī Remī nepōtēs.

(*Catullus 58; meter: hendecasyllabic. –Caelius, a rival of Catullus for Lesbia's favors. –**quadrivium**, -iī, *crossroads*. –**angiportum**, -ī, *alley*. –**glūbō**, **glūbere**, *to peel (back), strip (off)*; used of stripping the bark off trees or the skin off an animal, here in an obscene sense. –**Remus**, brother of Romulus, legendary founders of Rome.)

A single sentence with a relative clause (here bracketed in italics):

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Outline:

Caeli,
Lesbia nostra, Lesbia illa, illa Lesbia,

VOCATIVE
NOMINATIVE/SUBJECT

[quam Catullus ūnam plūs quam sē atque suōs amāvit omnēs,] **RELATIVE CLAUSE**
= *quam ūnam Catullus plūs quam sē atque omnēs suōs amāvit*

quam ūnam
Catullus
plūs quam
sē atque omnēs suōs
amavit

ACCUSATIVE/DIRECT OBJECT #1
NOMINATIVE/SUBJECT
CONJUNCTION
ACCUSATIVE/DIRECT OBJECT #2
VERB

nunc
in quadriviīs et angiportīs
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ADVERB
ABLATIVE OF PLACE WHERE
MAIN VERB
GENITIVE/POSSESSION modifying the
following noun
ACCUSATIVE/DIRECT OBJECT



“Catullus at Lesbia’s,” 1865
Sir Lawrence Alma Tadema