

“Forum” Audition Scene #5: Marcus Lycus and Pseudolus

*(Pseudolus entices Marcus Lycus, the flesh peddler and merchant of love, to show him all his lovely ladies, so he can find Hero’s true love.)*

Pseudolus *(Jingles a money bag behind Lycus’s back)*: Good morning, Lycus.

Marcus Lycus *(stops)*: I know that sound, and I love it. *(Turns to Pseudolus)* Is that money?

Pseudolus: What do you think?

Marcus Lycus: How did you come to all this?

Ps: An unexpected legacy. My uncle Simo, the noted Carthaginian elephant breeder, came to an untimely end. He was crushed to death on the last day of mating season. This morning I bought my freedom.

ML: Congratulations!

Ps: With this much left over for one gross indulgence.

ML: Good.

Ps: Lycus, I am now in the market for a lifetime companion. Tell me, have you anything lying about in there, anything to satisfy an Olympian appetite?

ML: Pseudolus, friend and *citizen*, I have traveled the world in search of beauty, and I can say with all modesty that I have the finest assortment in Rome.

Ps: Show me!