

From Amarantus to Aulus:
Connecting Neighbours and Neighbourhoods in Pompeii

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Image: Via dell'Abbondanza | Archaeological Park of Pompeii Archive 1910s

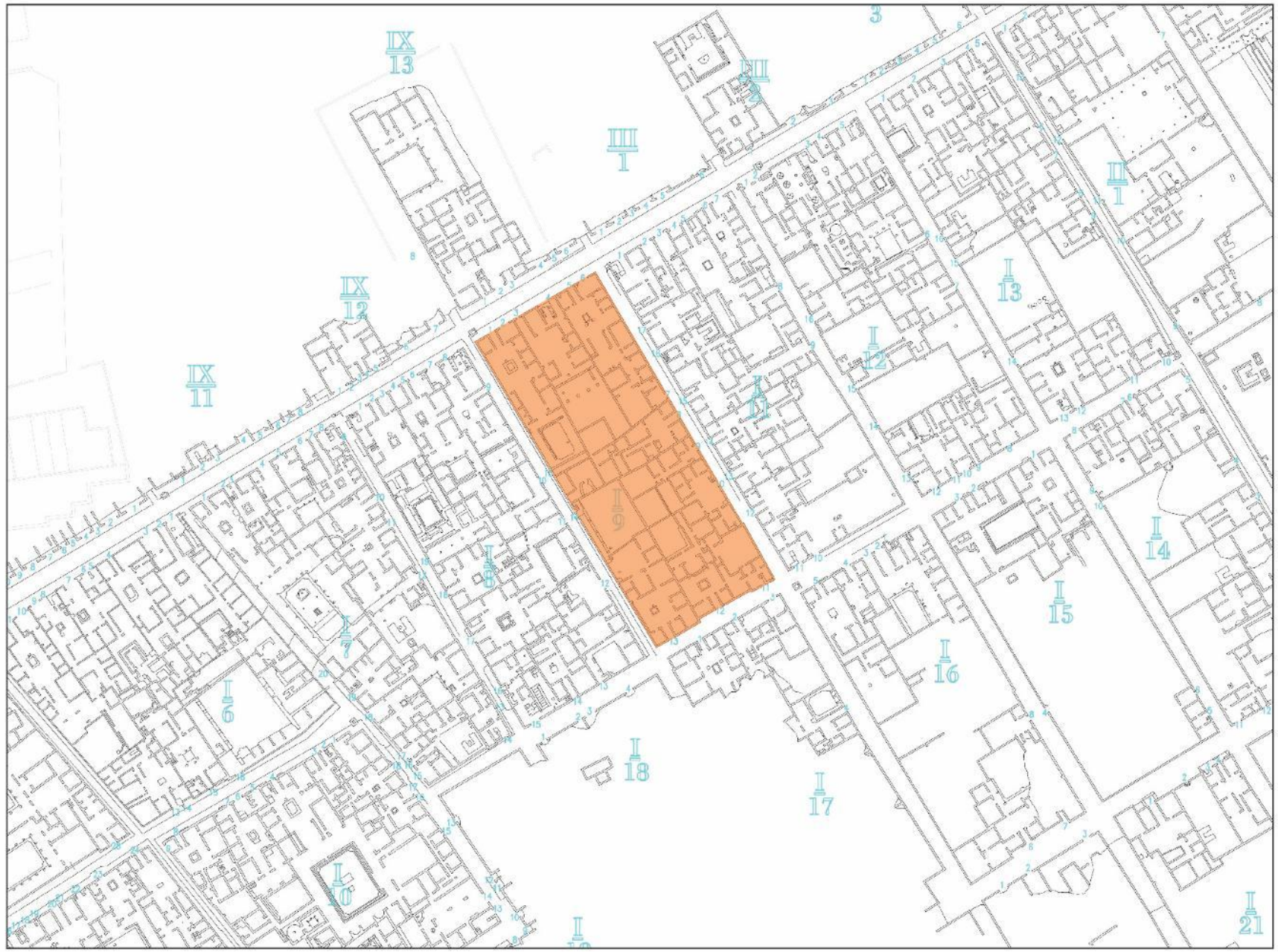


Plan of Pompeii
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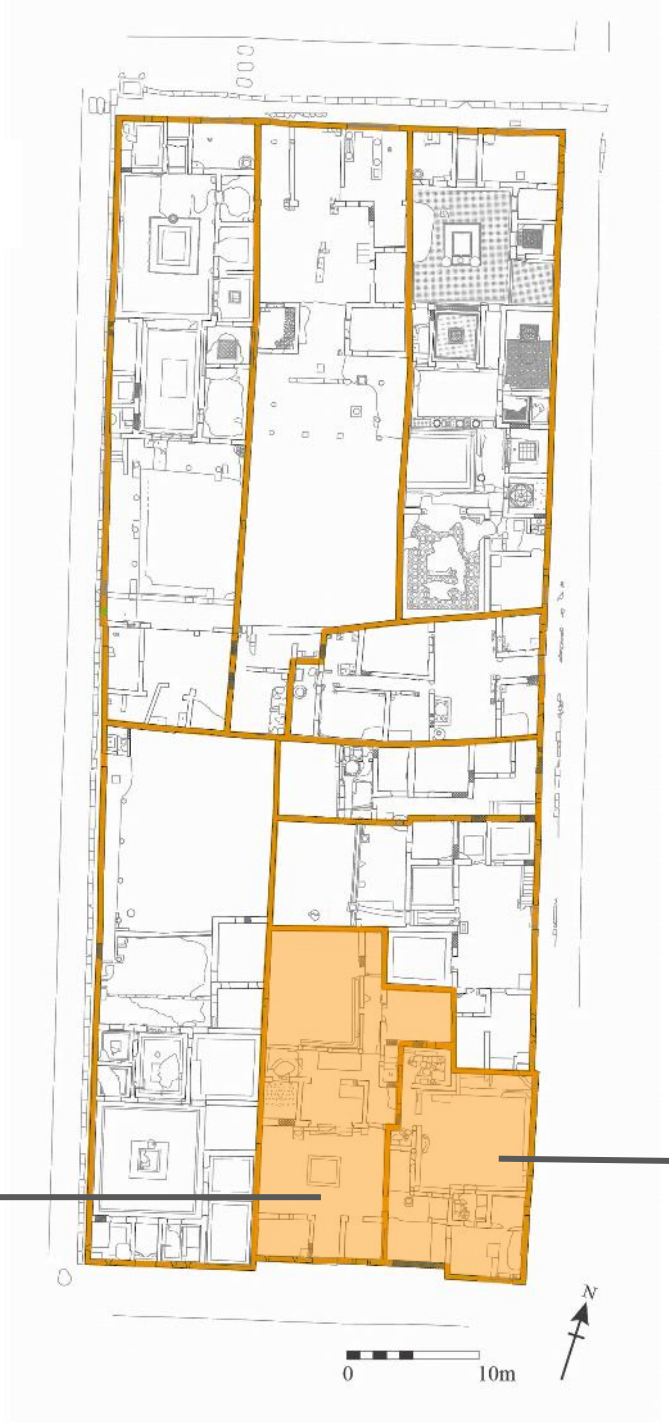


Excavation of the Via dell'Abbondanza by Spinazzola
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Region I, *Insula* 9



Region I, Insula 9 (I.9)





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House of Amarantus

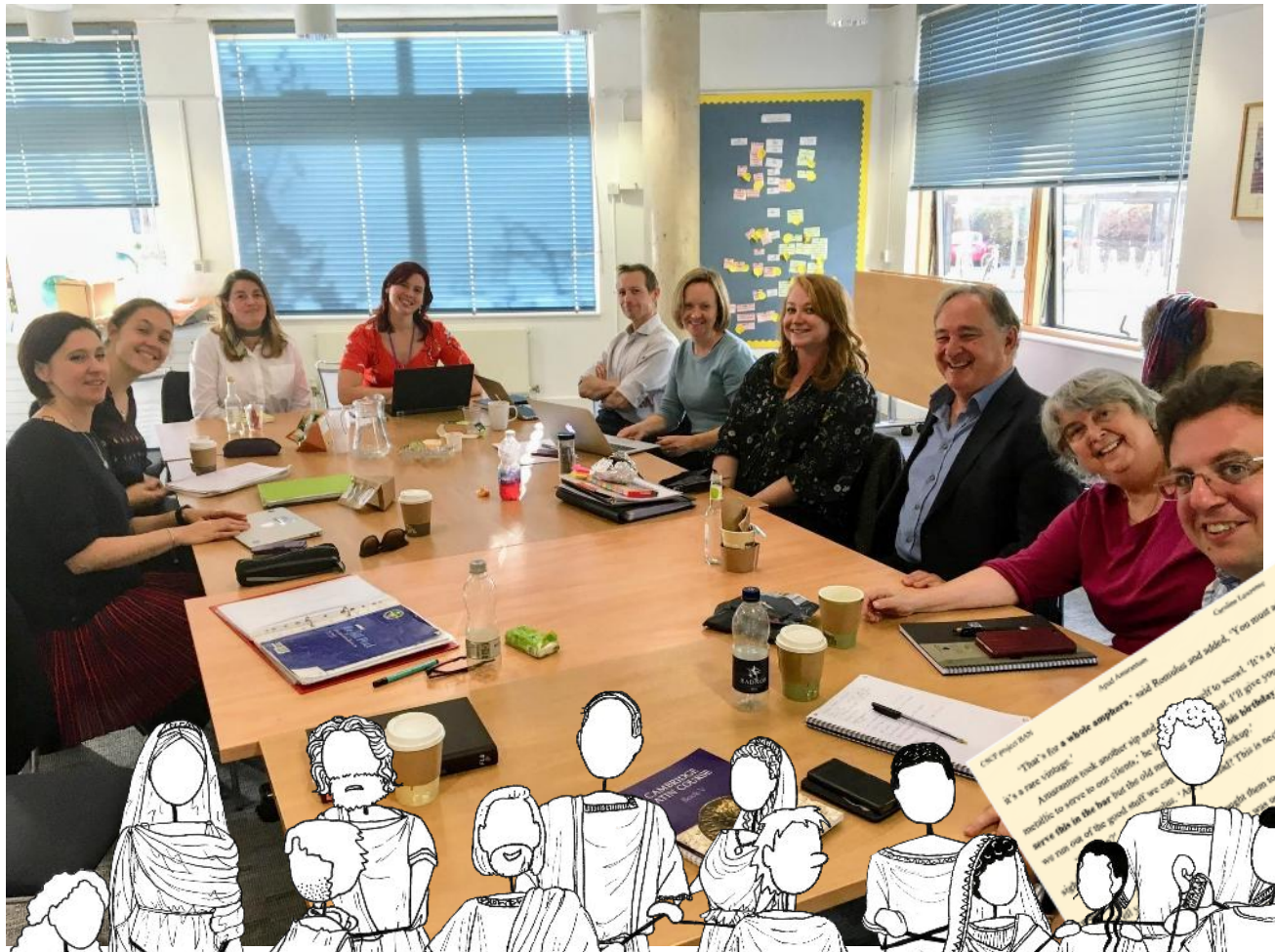
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Bar of Amarantus
(Caupona of Amarantus)





Excavation of the Bar (caupona) of Amarantus
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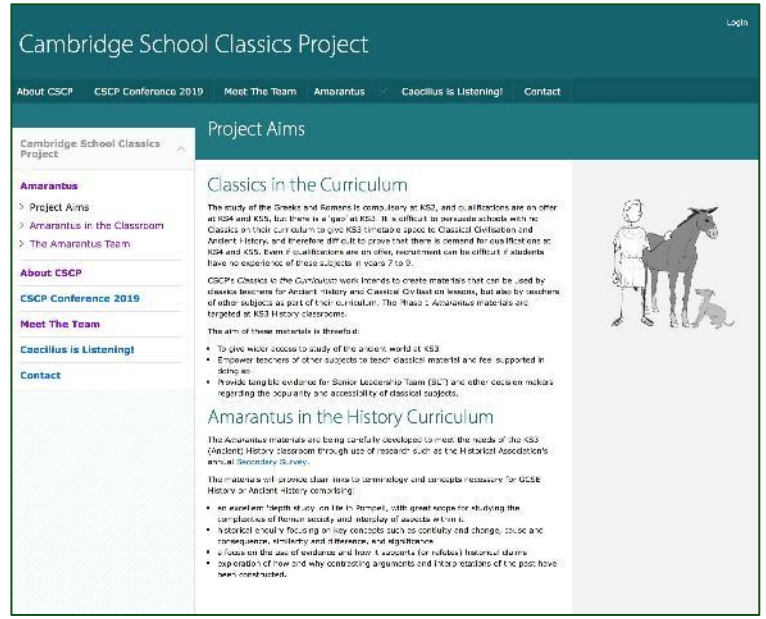


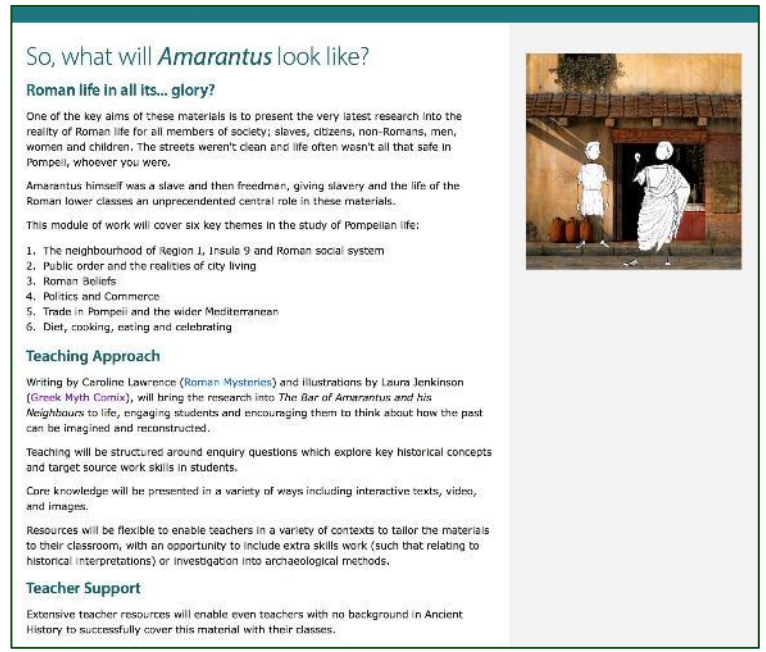




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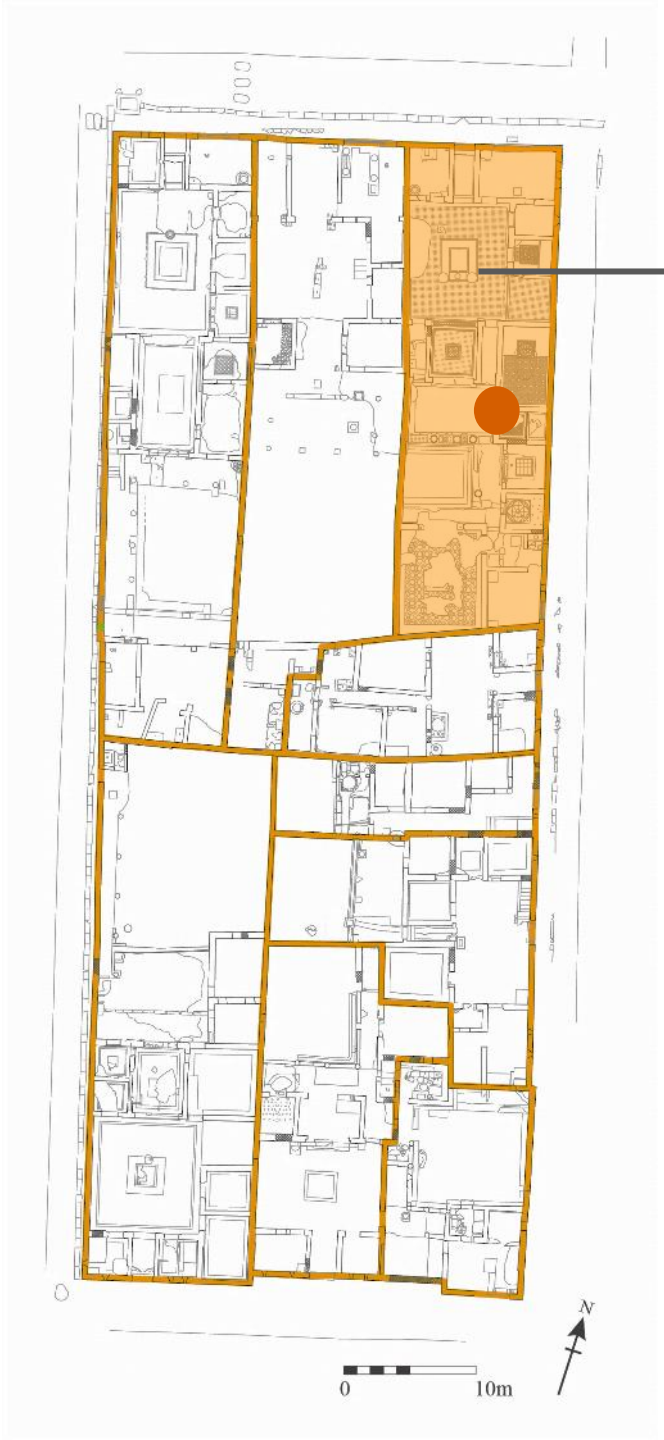
Excavation of the garden behind the Bar of Amarantus
Archive of the Archaeological Park of Pompeii | 1950s





Sex(tus) **Pomp**(eius) **Amarant**(us)

Excavation of the Bar (caupona) of Amarantus
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1.9.6
House of the Fruit Orchard



Sextus Pompeius Amarantus

"Hero"



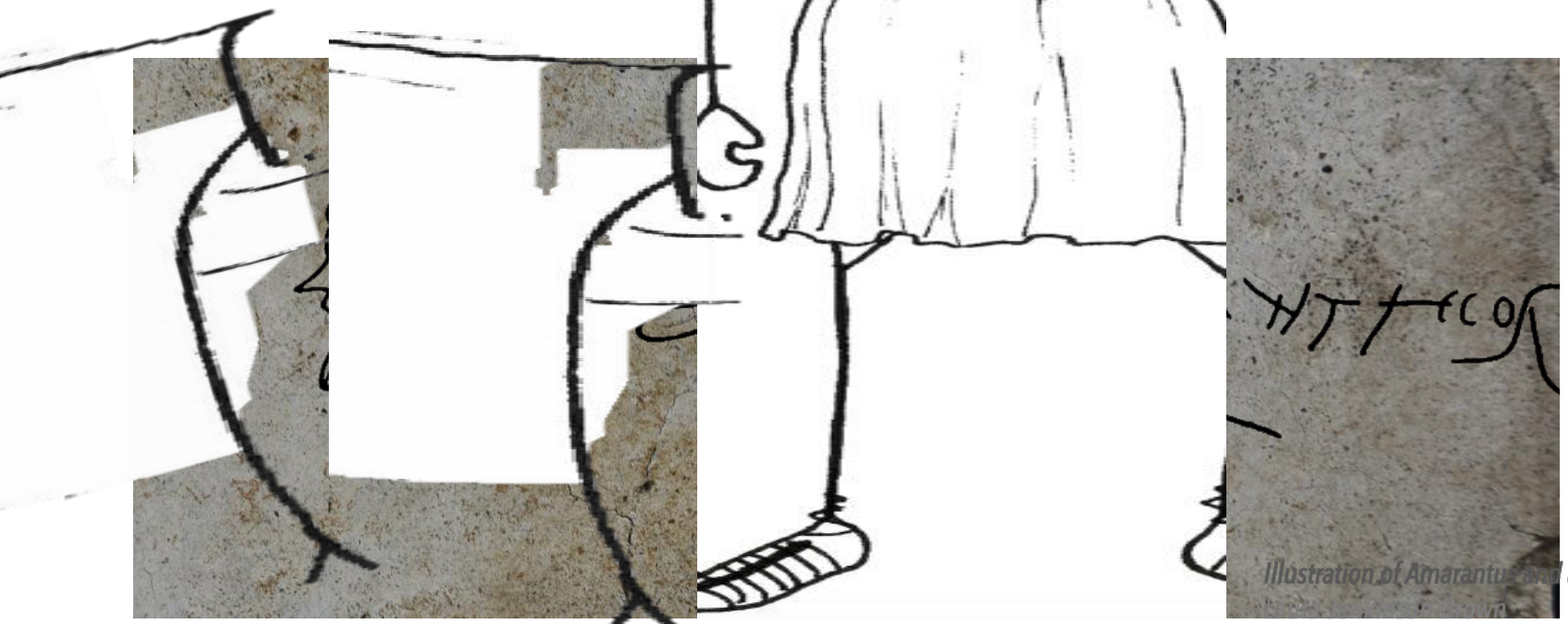


Illustration of Amarantus and amphorae

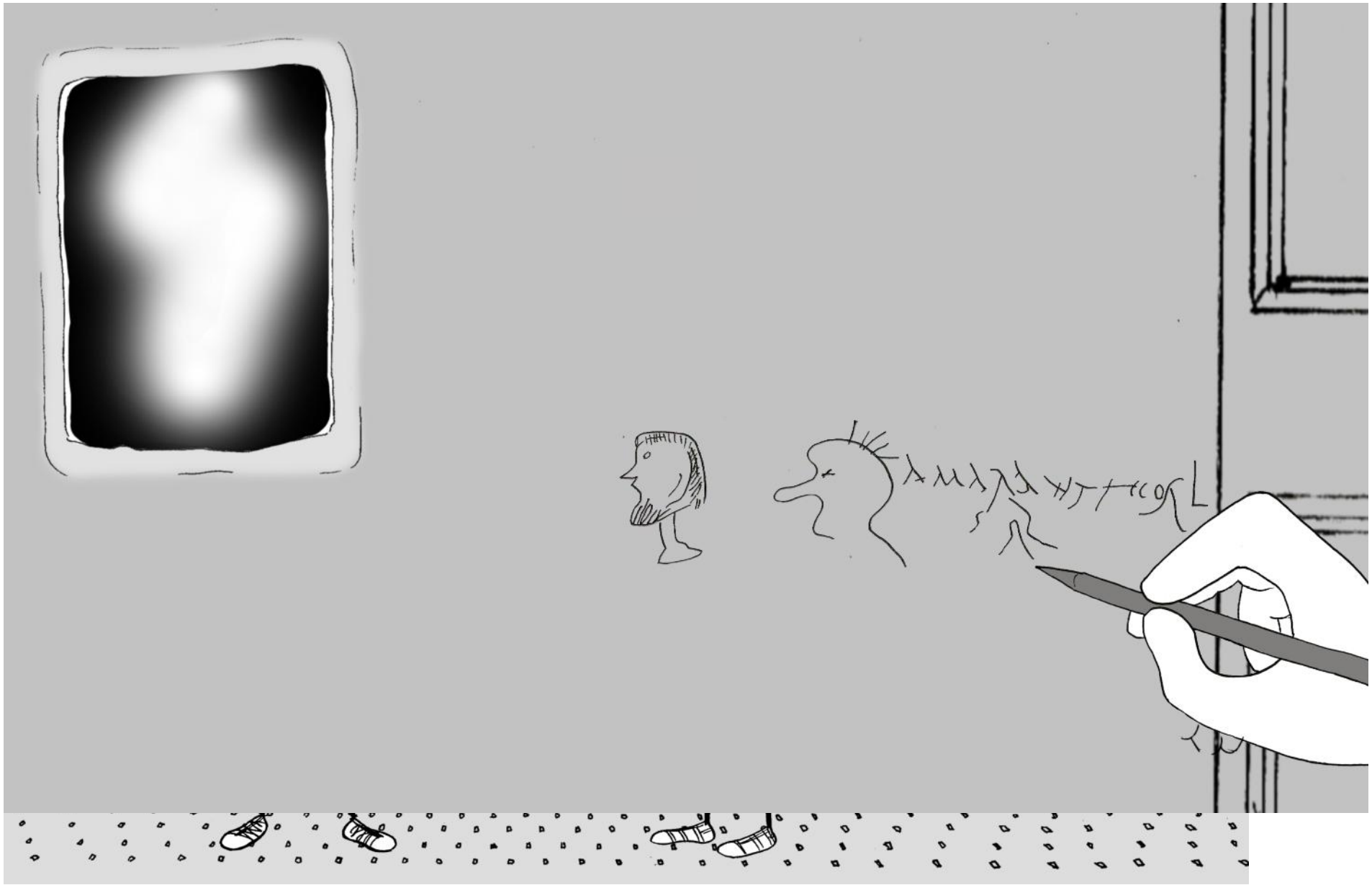
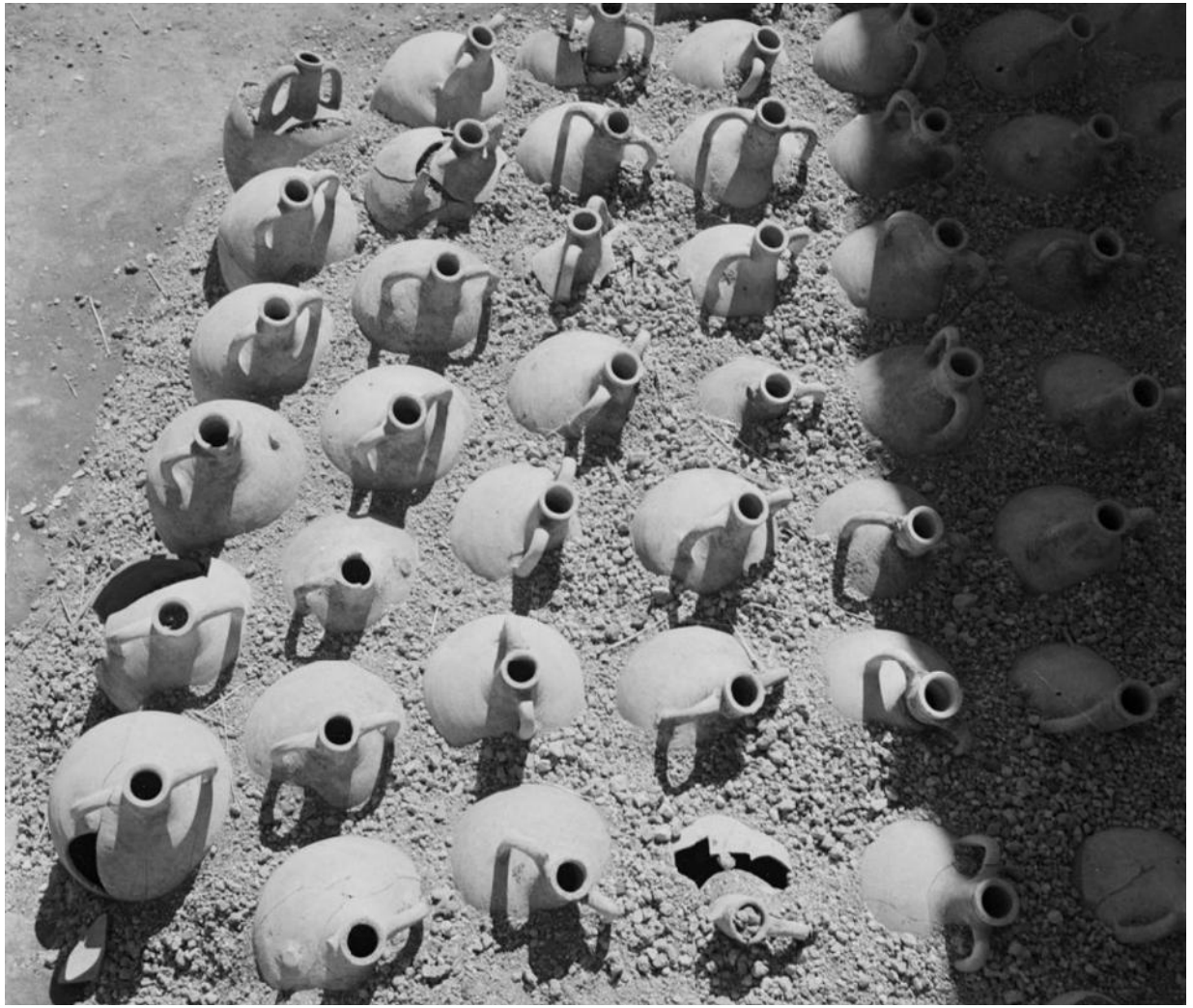


Illustration of the graffito
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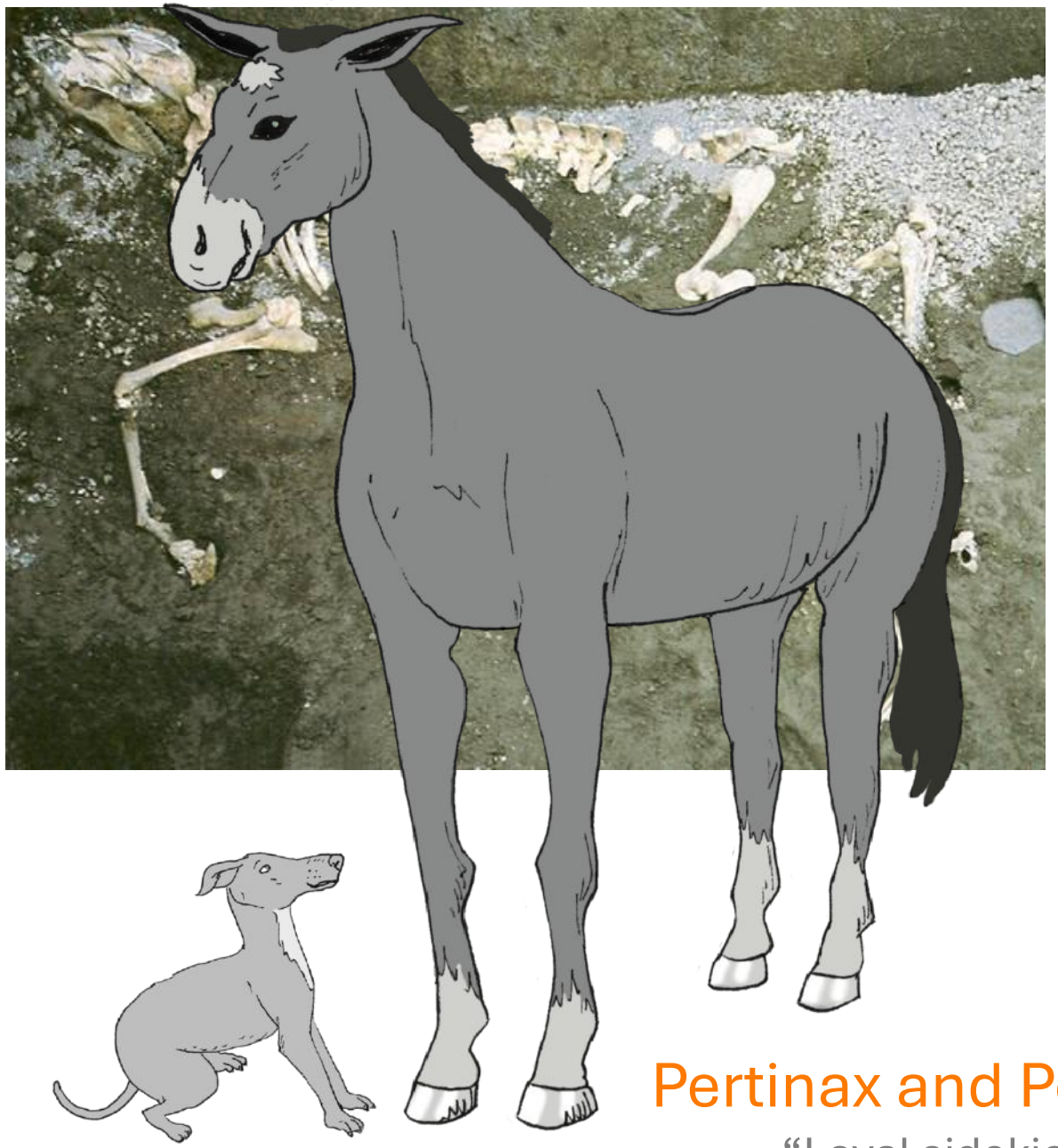


Atrium of the House of Amarantus
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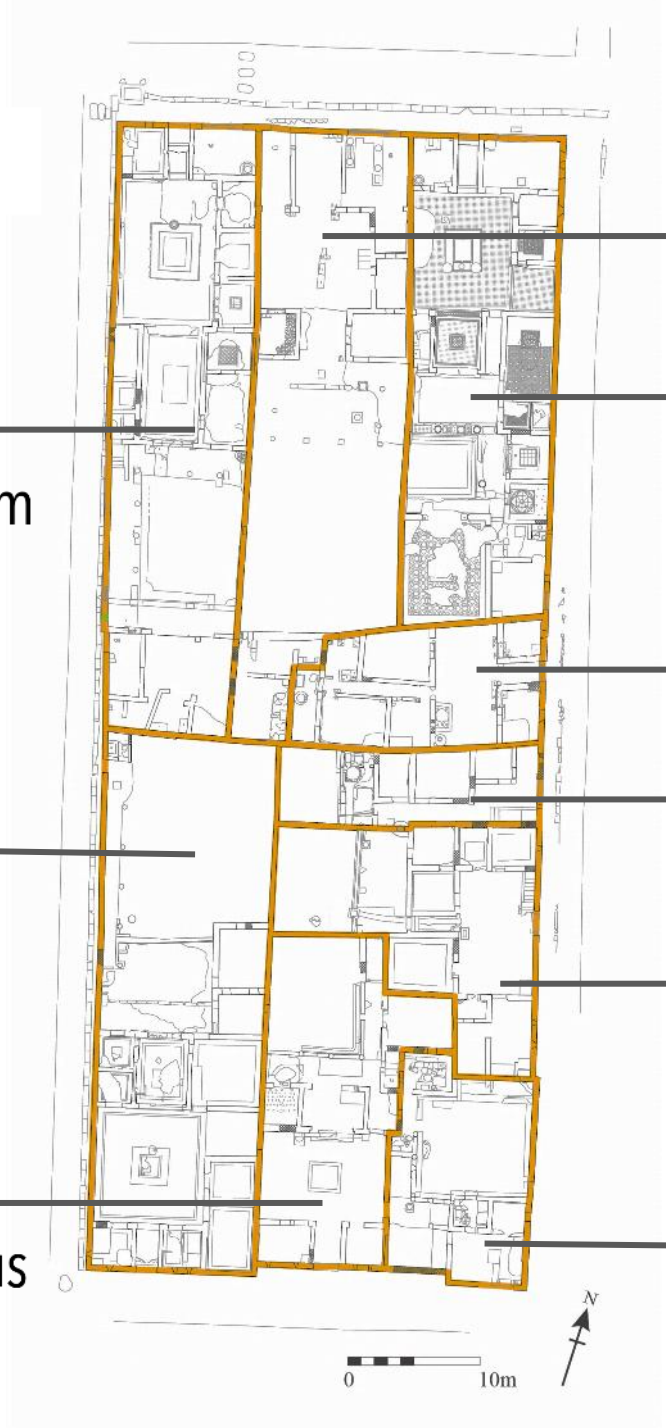


Pertinax and Potiscus

"Loyal sidekicks"

Illustration of Pertinax and Potiscus
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Region I, Insula 9 (I.9)



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Beautiful Impluvium

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Successus

1.9.5
Fruit Orchard

1.9.8
House 8

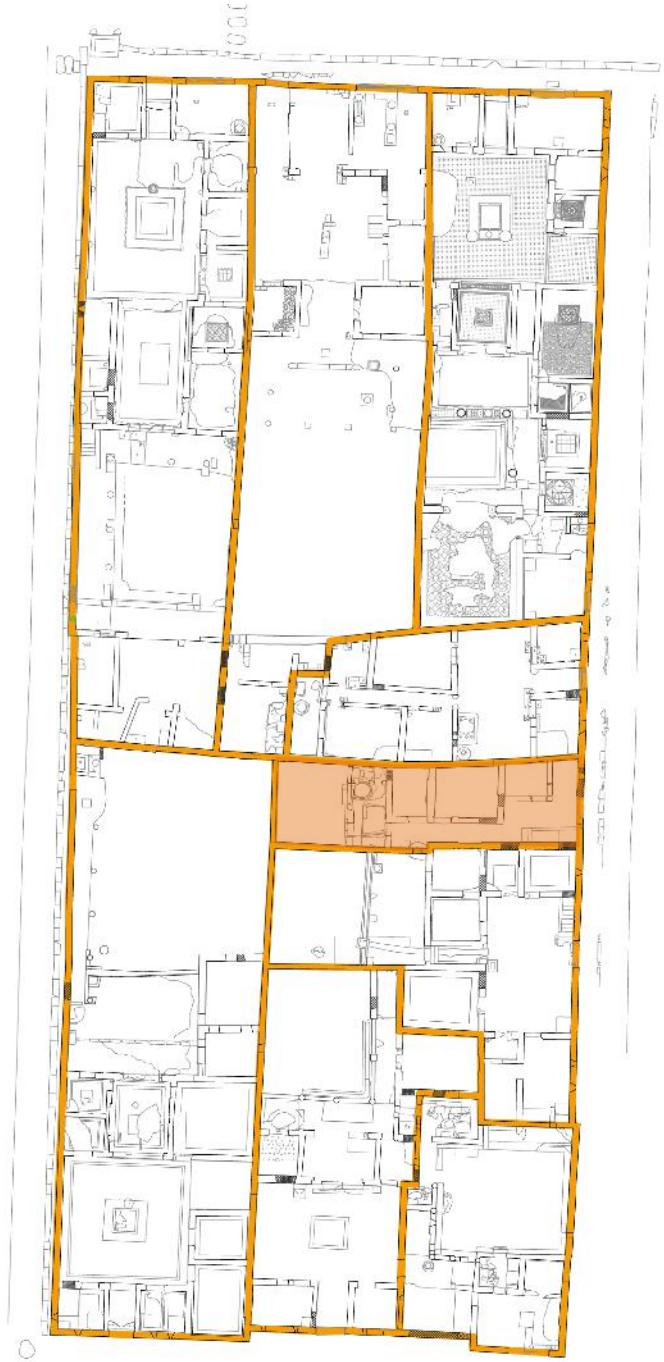
1.9.9
Painter's workshop

1.9.10
House 10

1.9.11
Bar of Amarantus
(Caupona of Amarantus)

1.9.12
House of Amarantus

1.9.13
Ceres





Papilio

Sign painter



Illustration of Papilio
Laura Jenkinson-Brown





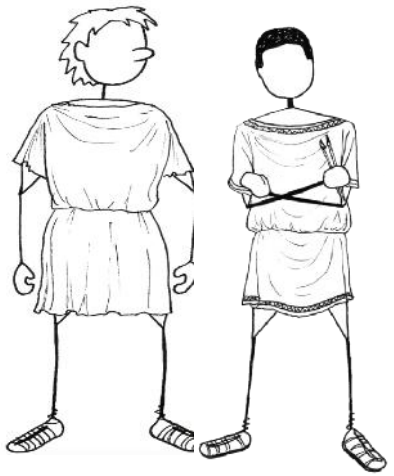




Digital reconstruction of the façade of the Painter's workshop
Gareth Blayney



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Amarantus Pompeianus Rog
Papilio

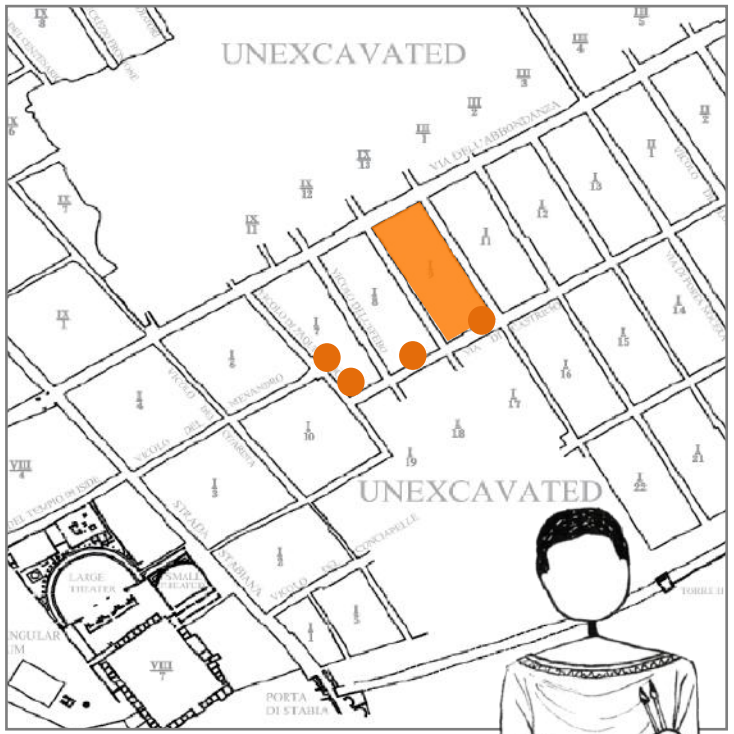


Dipinto on façade of I.9.11
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1.7.18



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1.8.14



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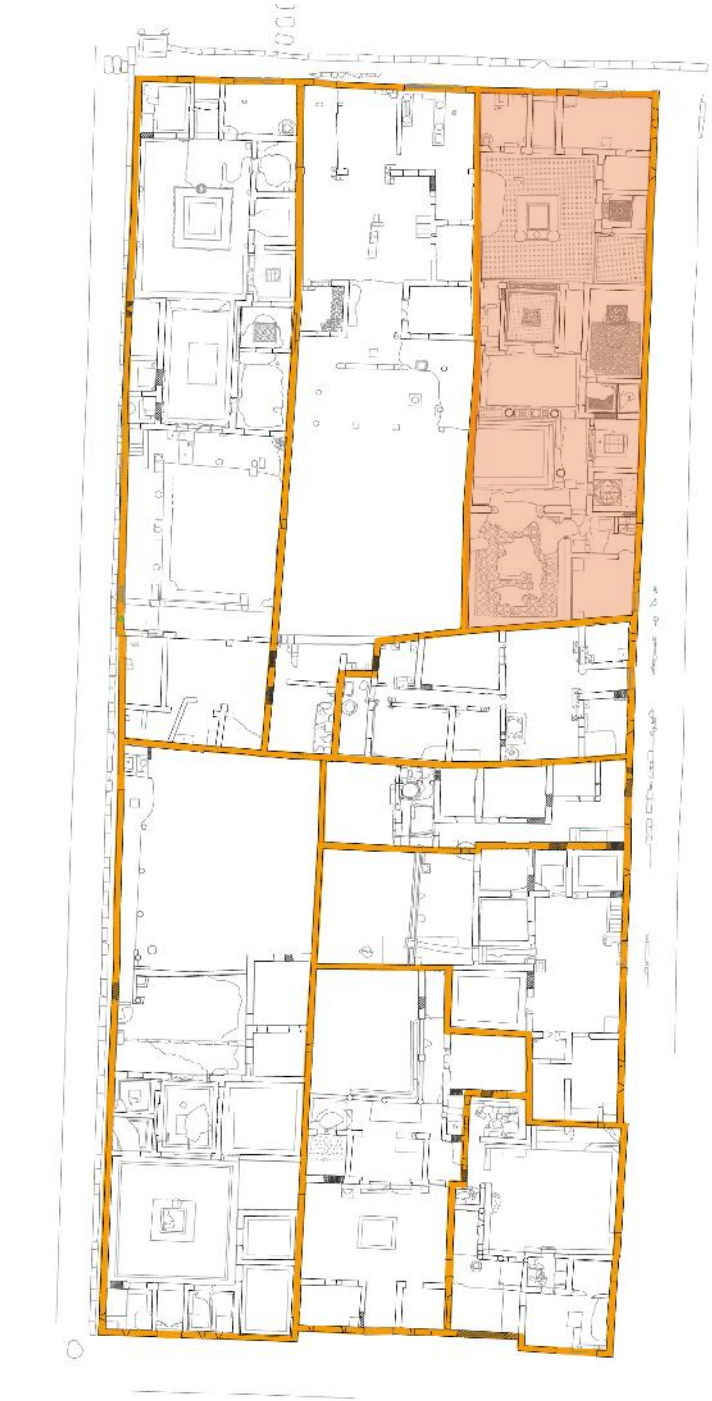
PAPILIO





M. Cerrinius Vatia
All the Petty thieves support
Vatia for Aedile
Written by Florus and Fructo

Illustration of sign painting
Laura Jenkinson-Brown





Marcus Cerrinius Vatia

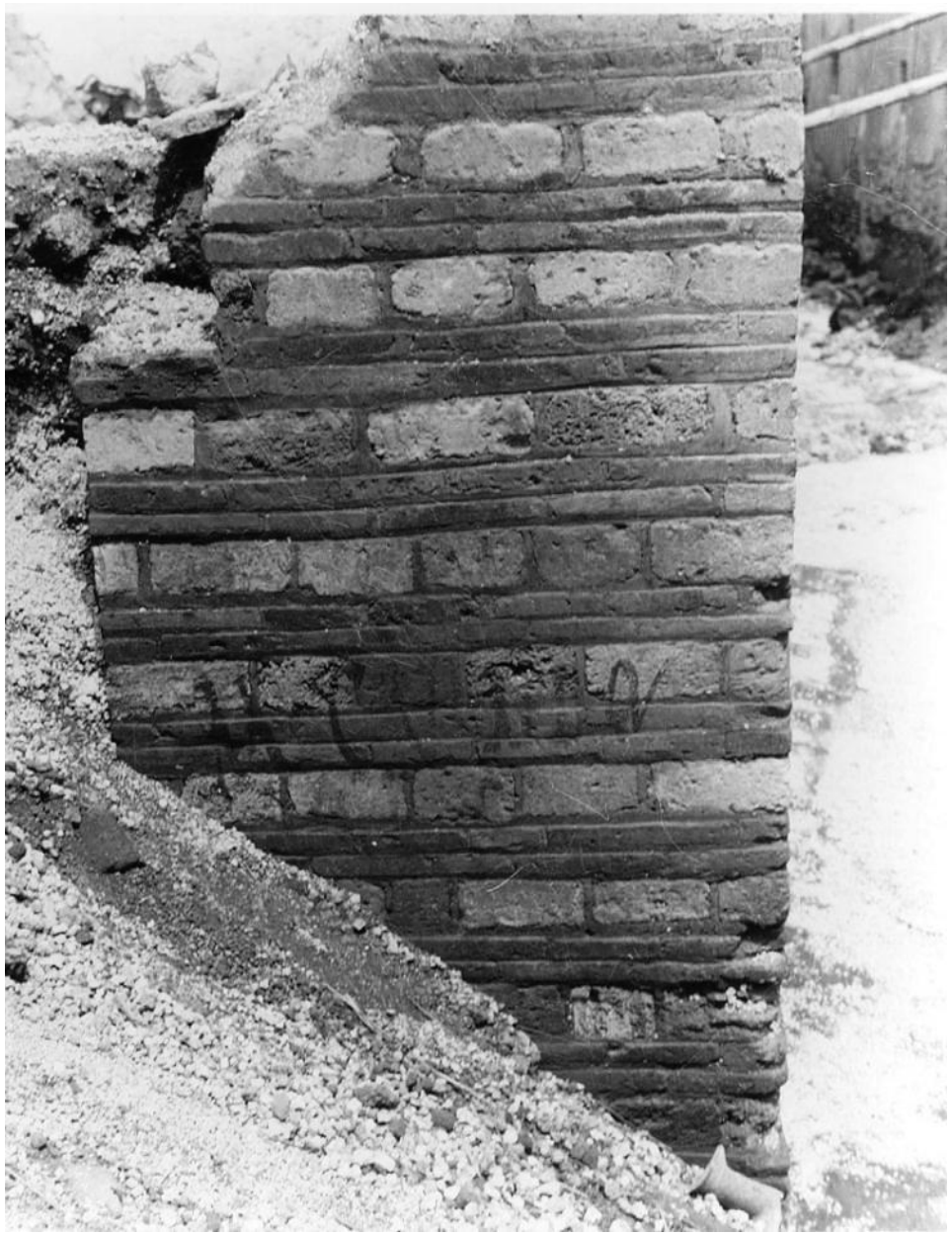
Politician

"The villain"









Dipinto on façade of I.9.11
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C. Julius Polybius

Dipinto on façade of I.9.12
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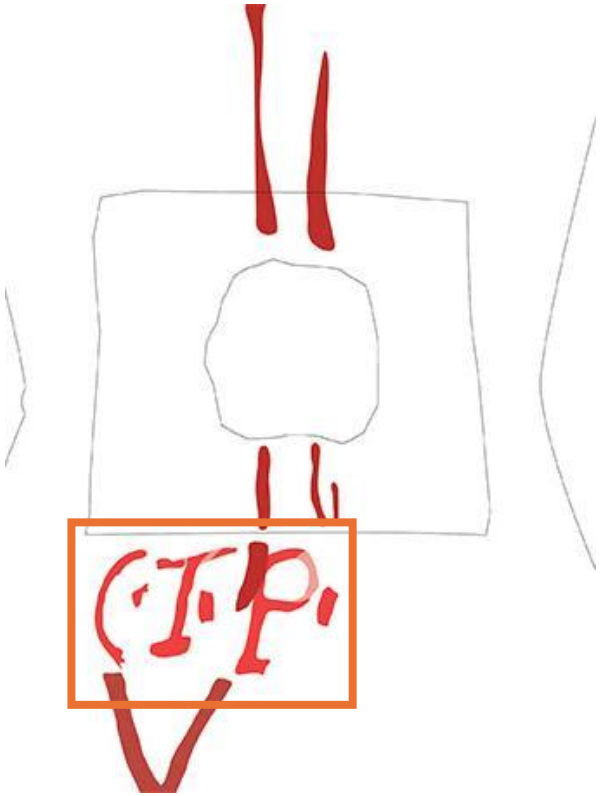


House of Caius Julius Polybius
Sophie Hay

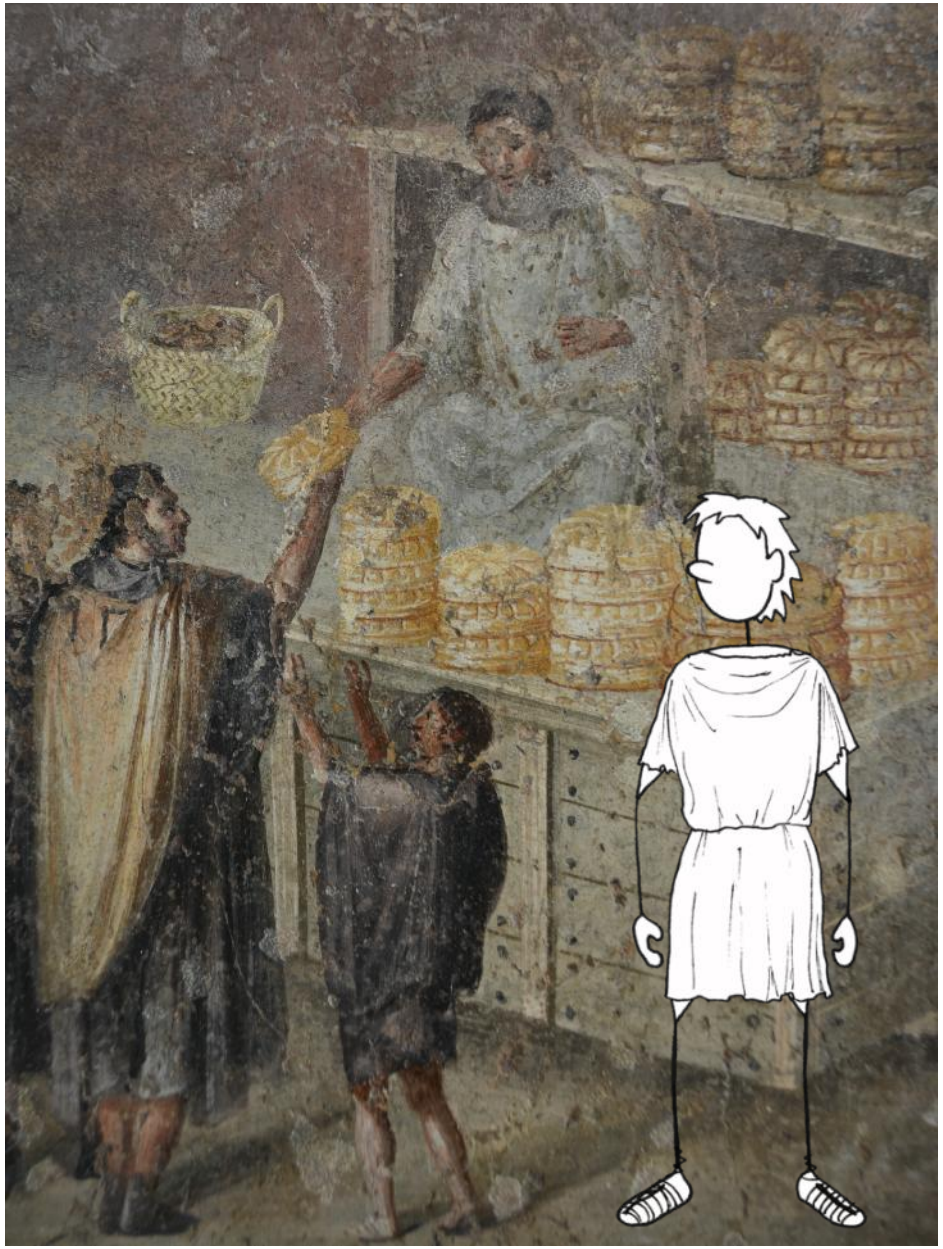


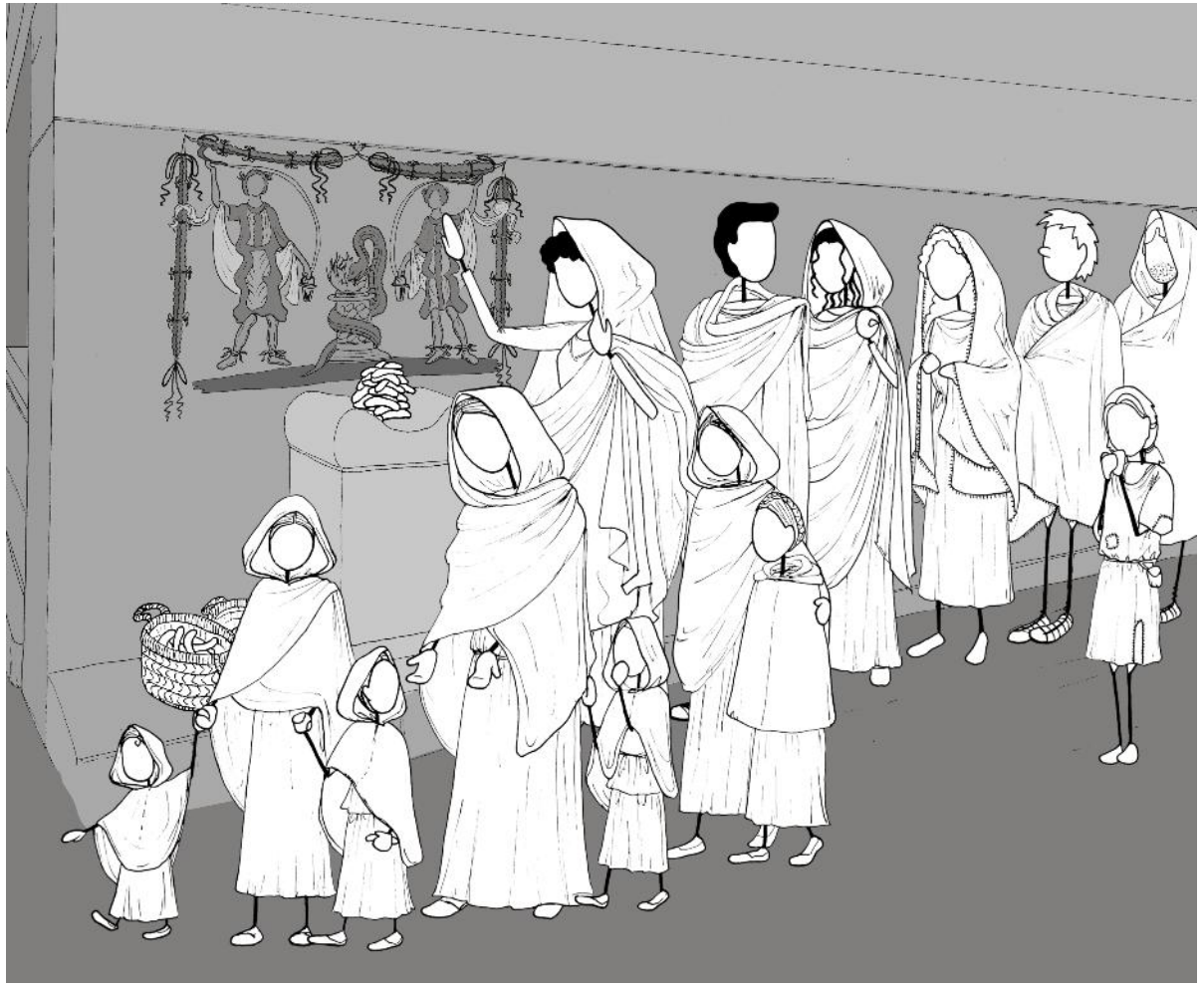
Bakery, House of the Chaste Lovers (IX.12.6)
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Millstone with the initials of C(aius) I(ulius) P(olybius)
Nicolas Monteix | ÉfR





Street shrine scene by Laura Jenkinson-Brown

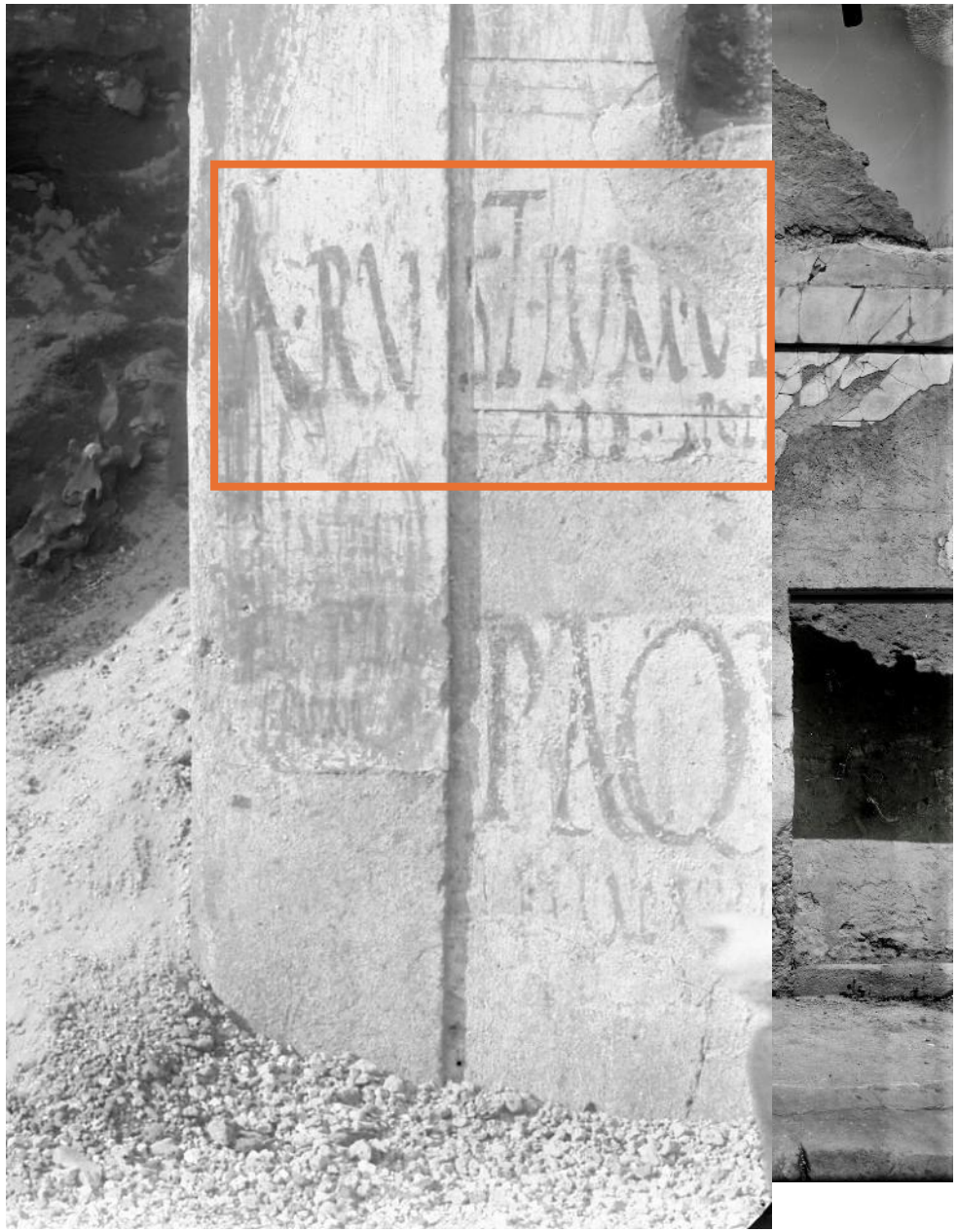
Fresco from VII.3.30 with a small addition by Laura Jenkinson-Brown
MANN Inv. 9071
Sophie Hay

A(ulum) **Rustium Verum**
D(uumvirum) **I**(ure) **D**(icundo) **Polybì collega fac**

Colleague Polybius, let Aulus Rustius Verus become a duumvirum iuri dicundo

73	A. Rustius Verus	C. Iulius Polybius

Duumvir and aedile list
R. Etienne | 1966



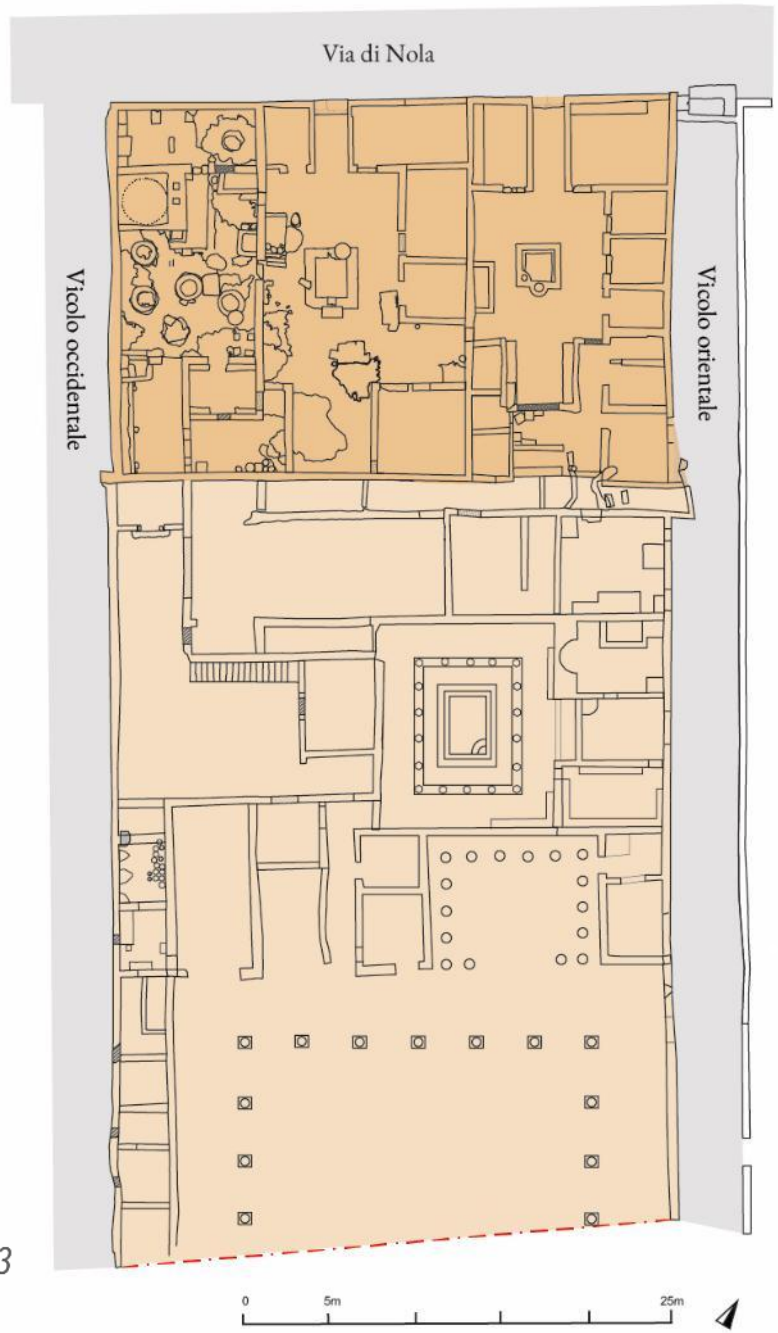
Façade of House of C. Julius Polybius
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Plan of Pompeii
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Region IX excavations
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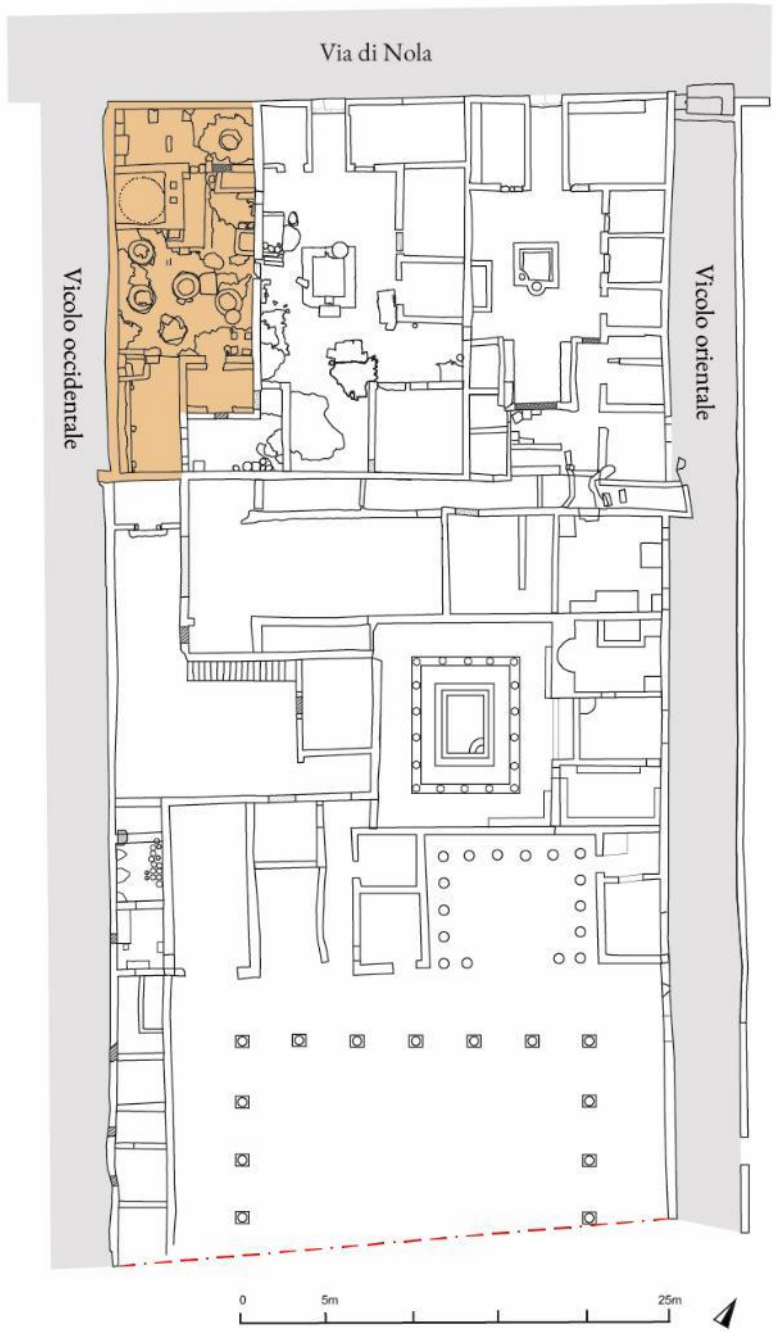


Region IX, 10 plan
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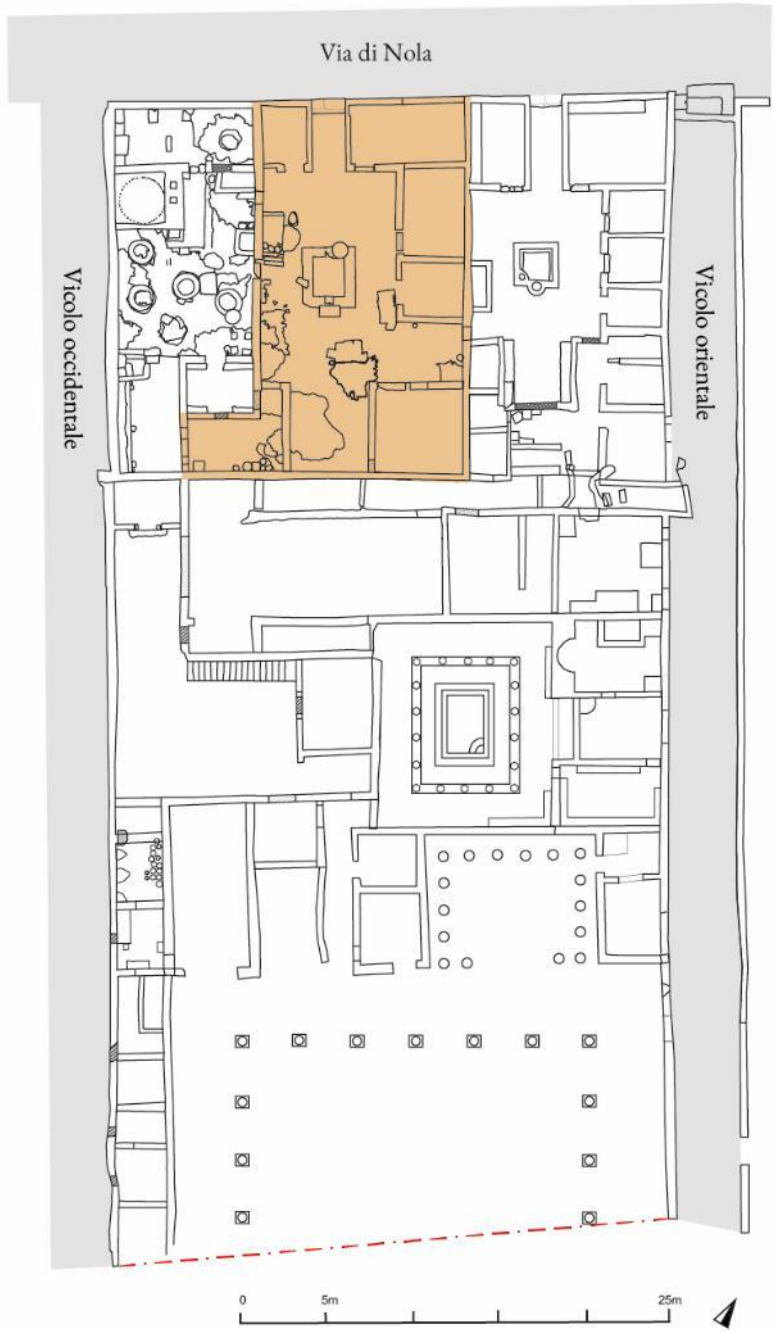
Bakery
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A(ulus) **R**(ustius) **V**(erus)





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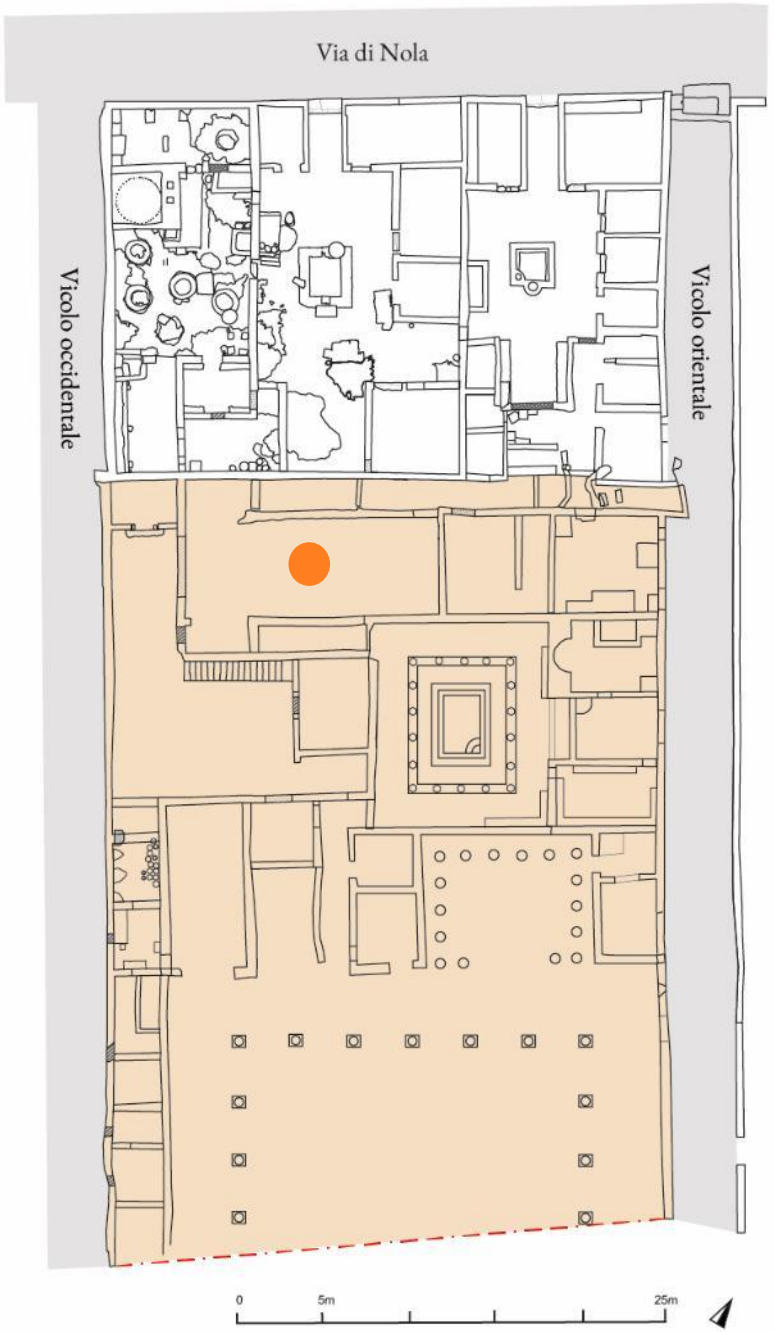
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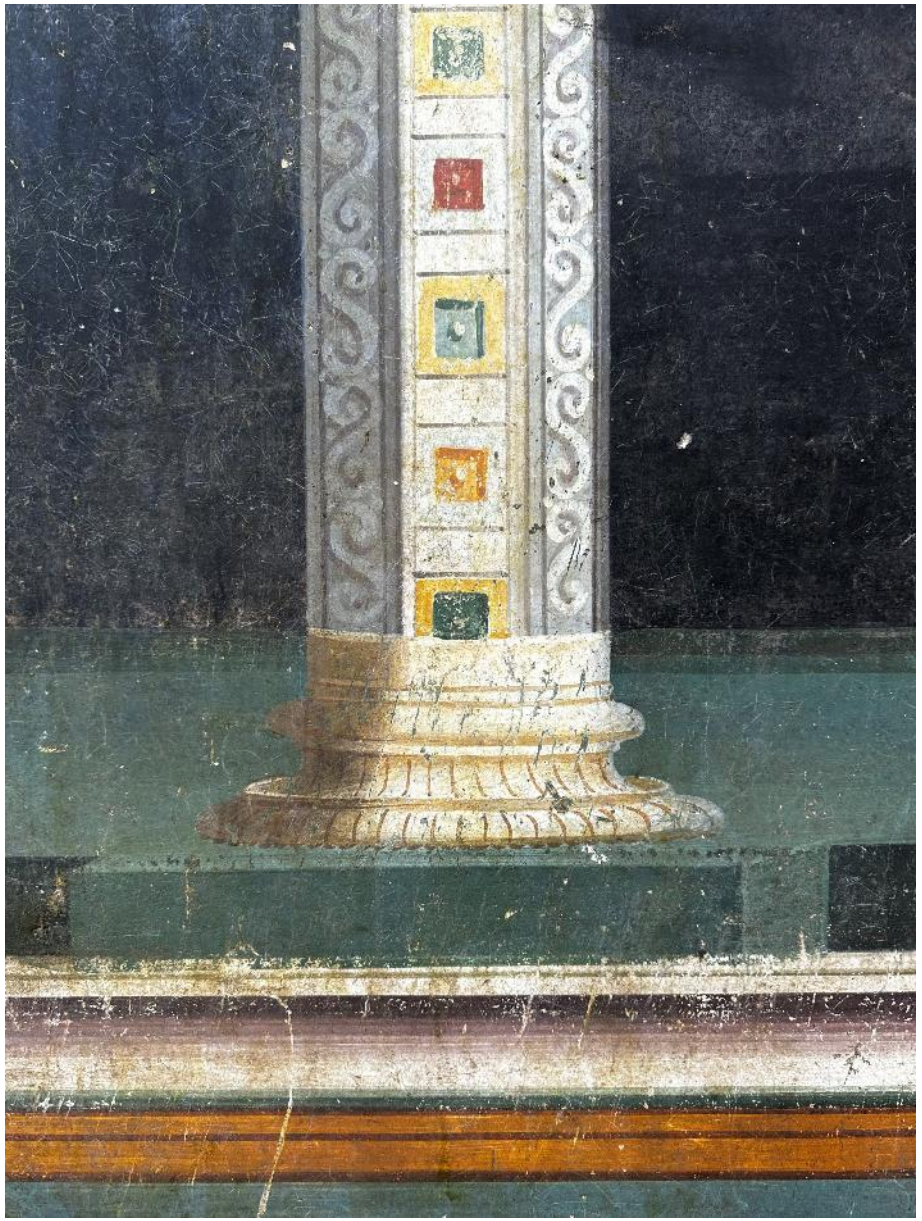


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Black Room
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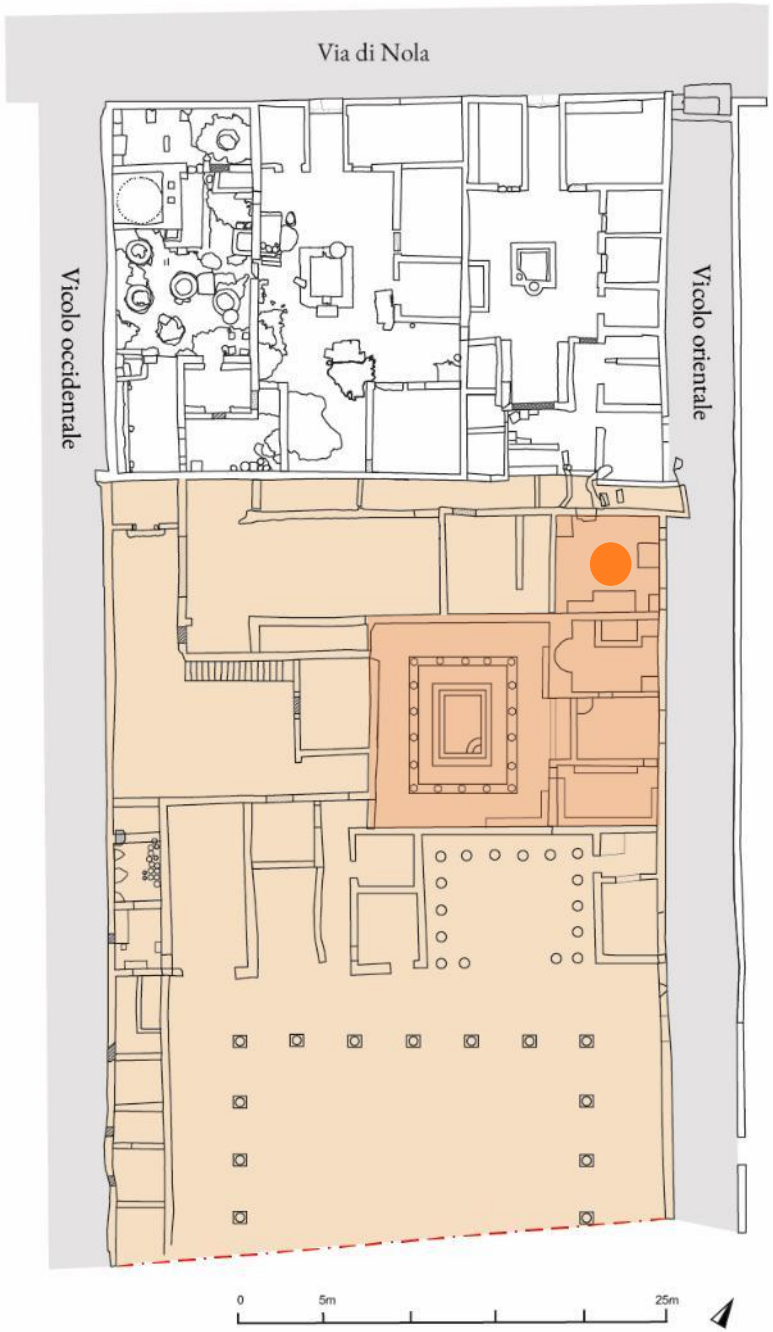


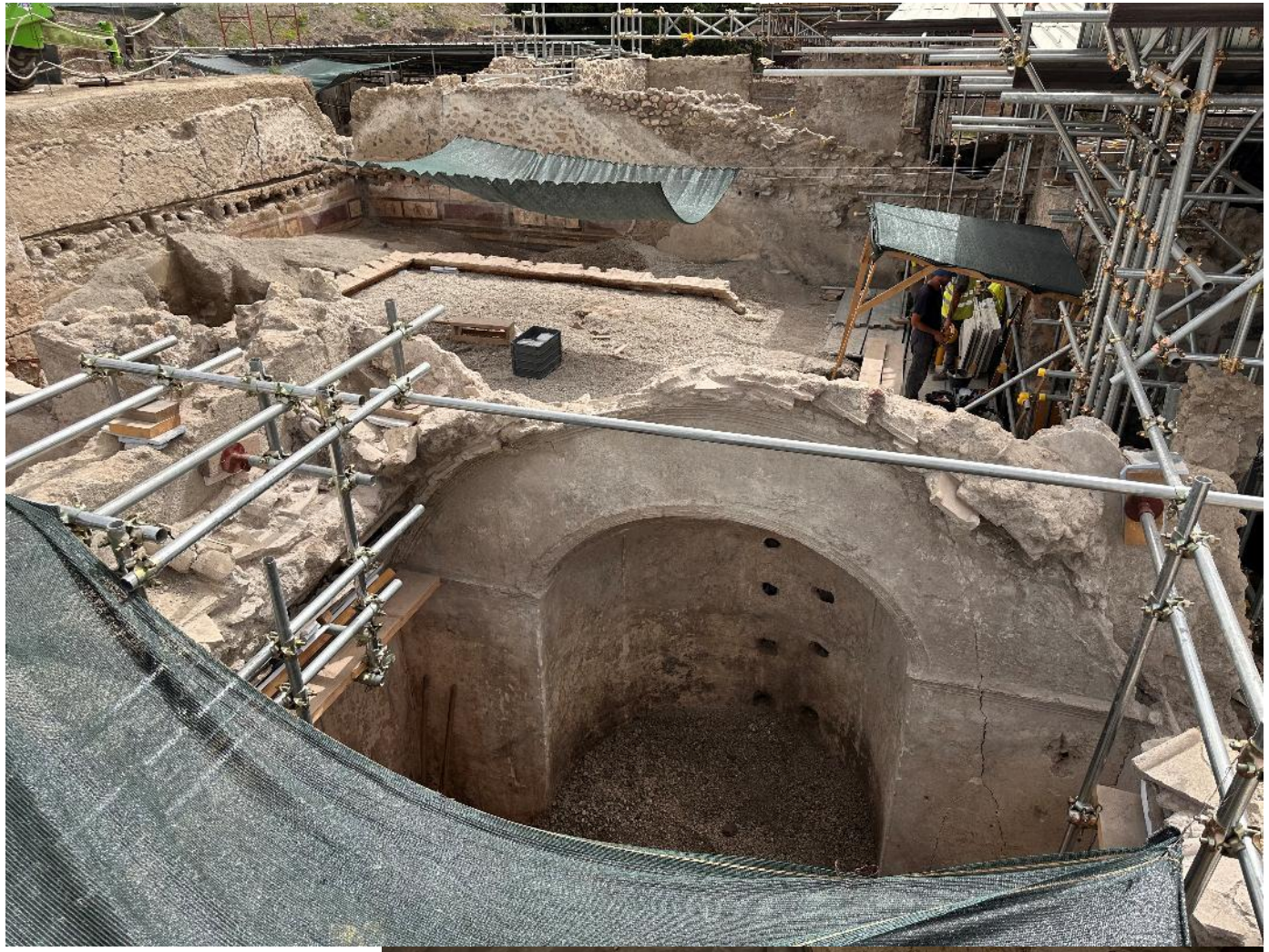


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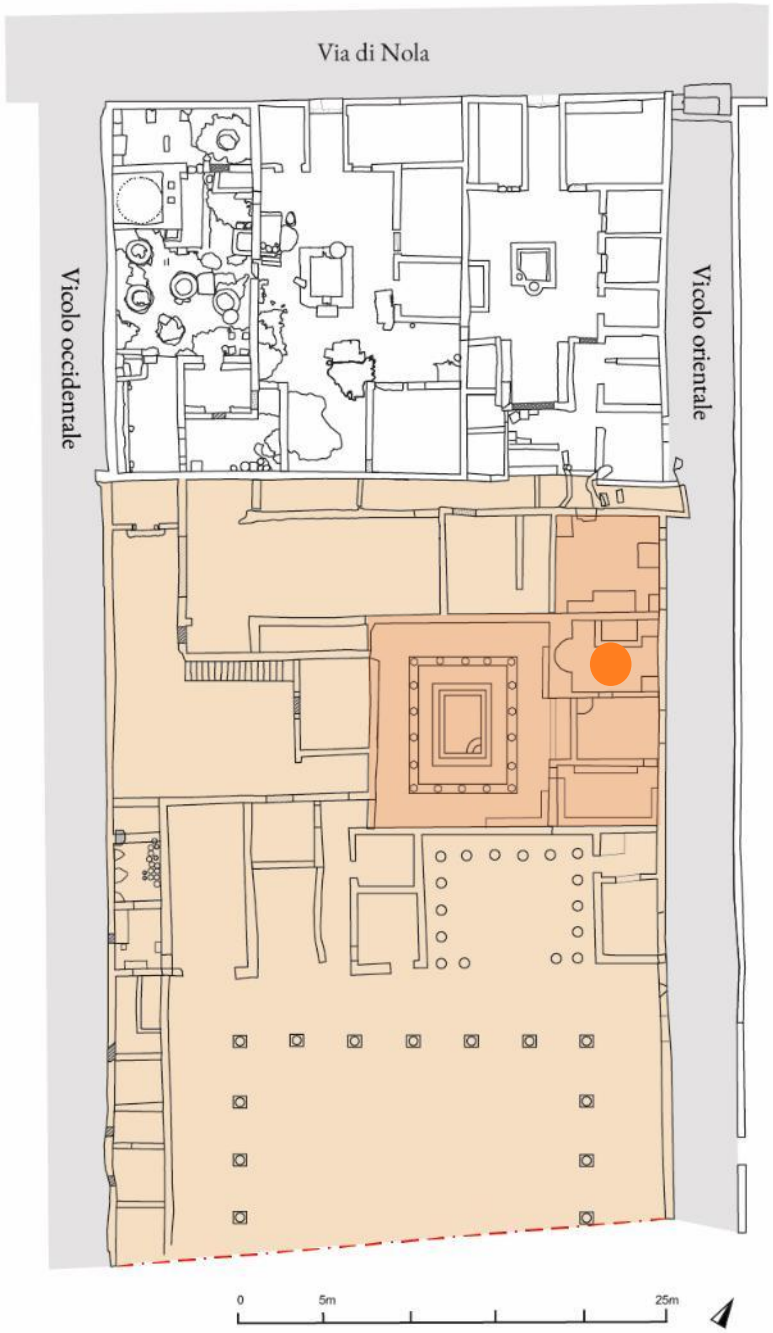
Praefurnium | Boiler room
Sophie Hay | BBC



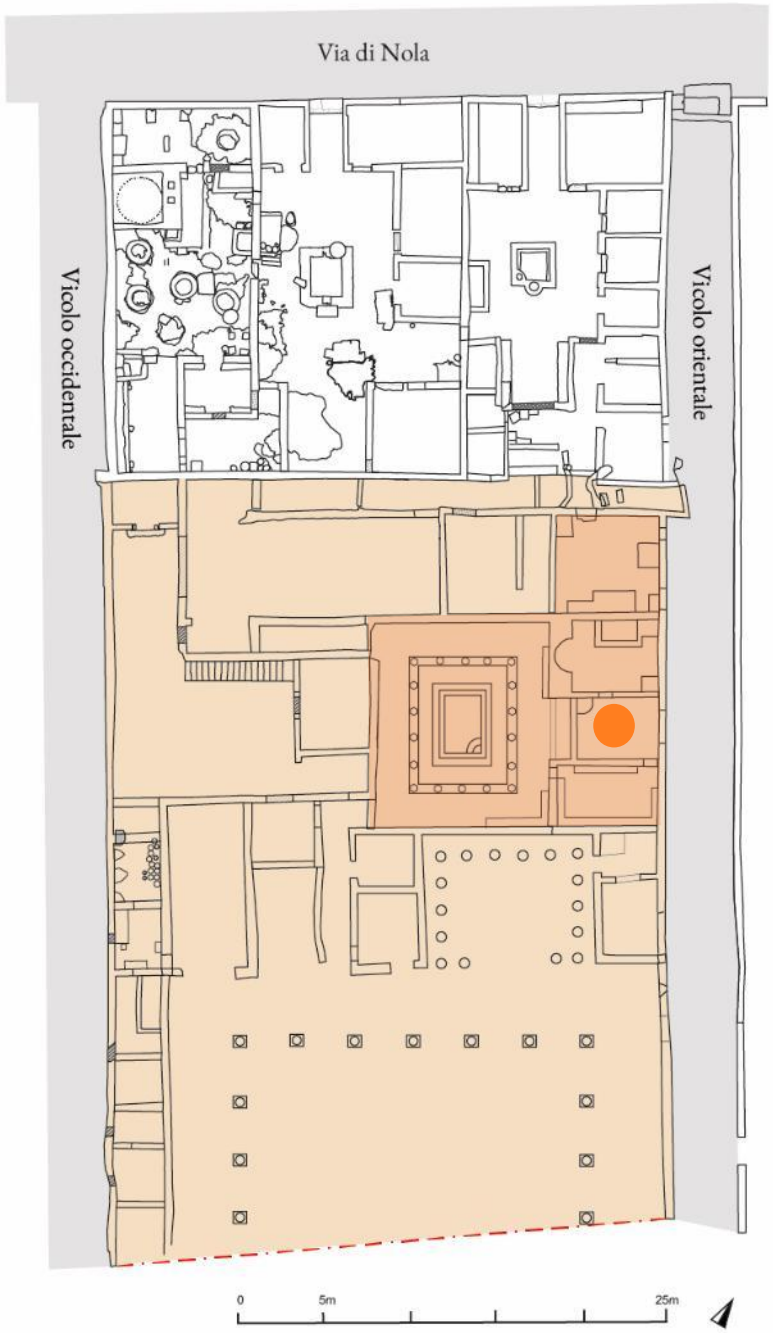




Caldarium | Hot room
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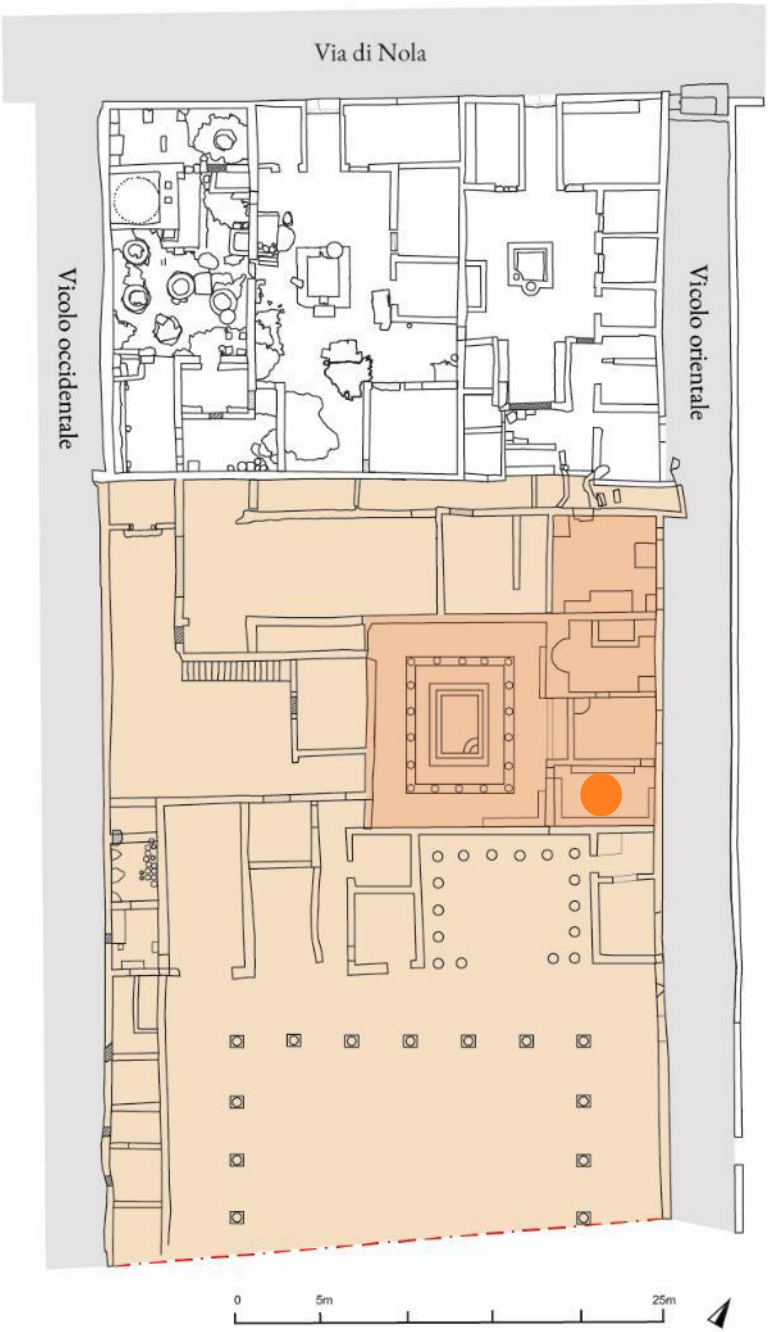




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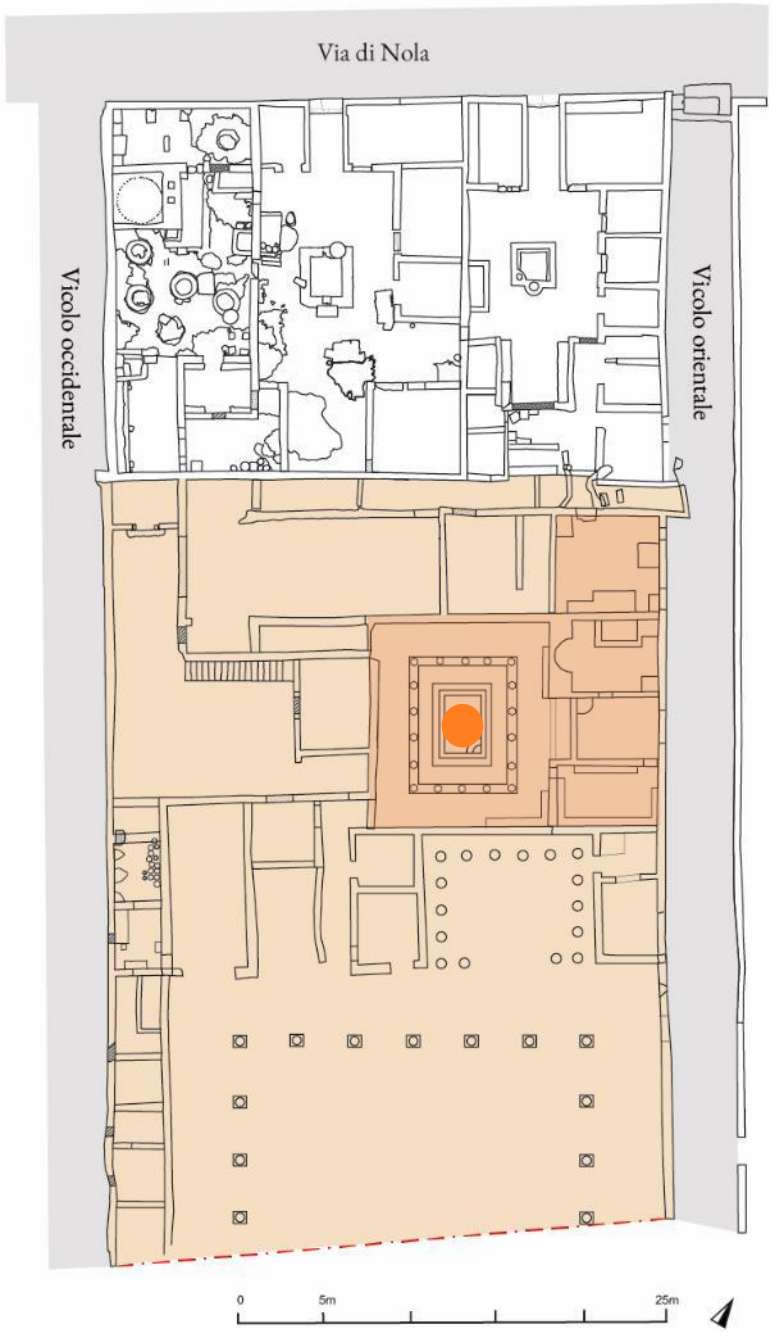


Apodyterium | Changing room
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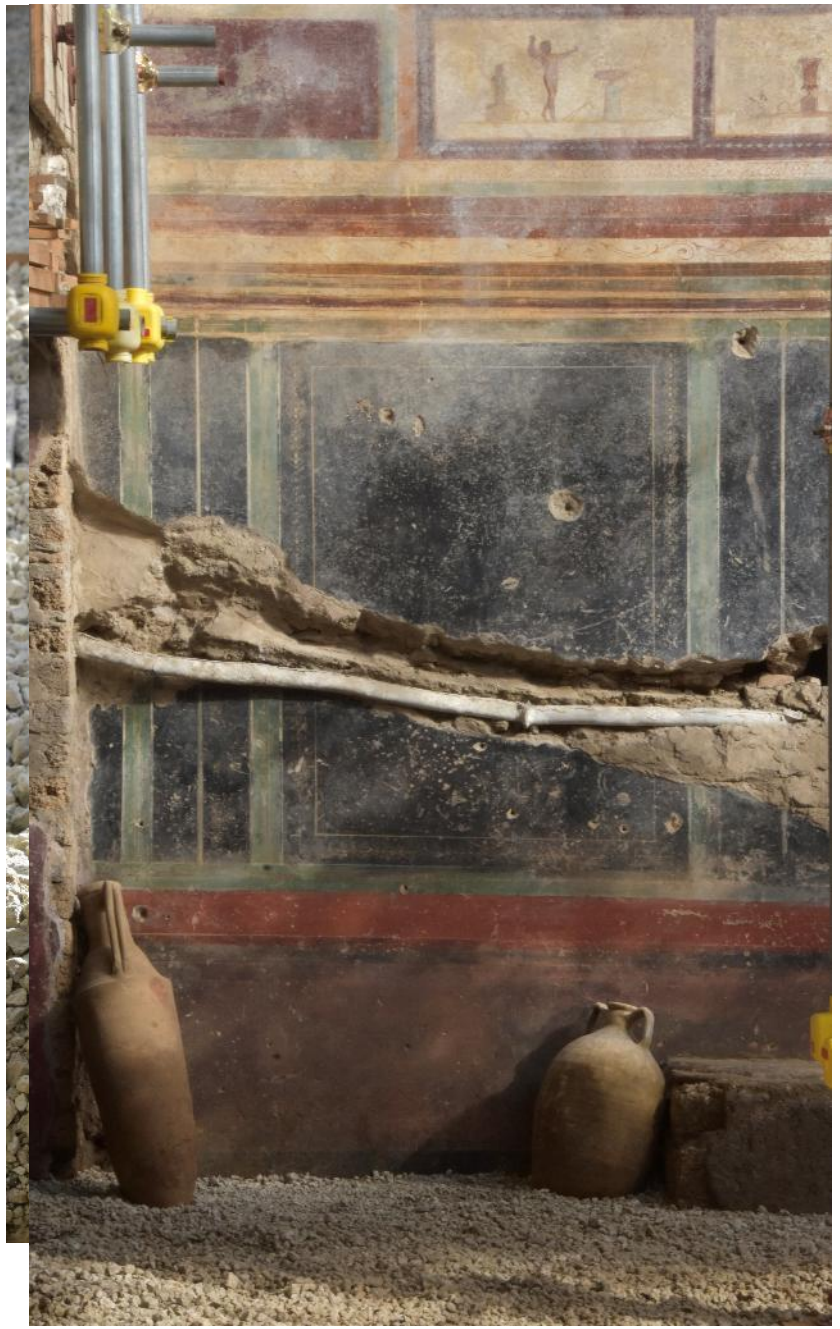






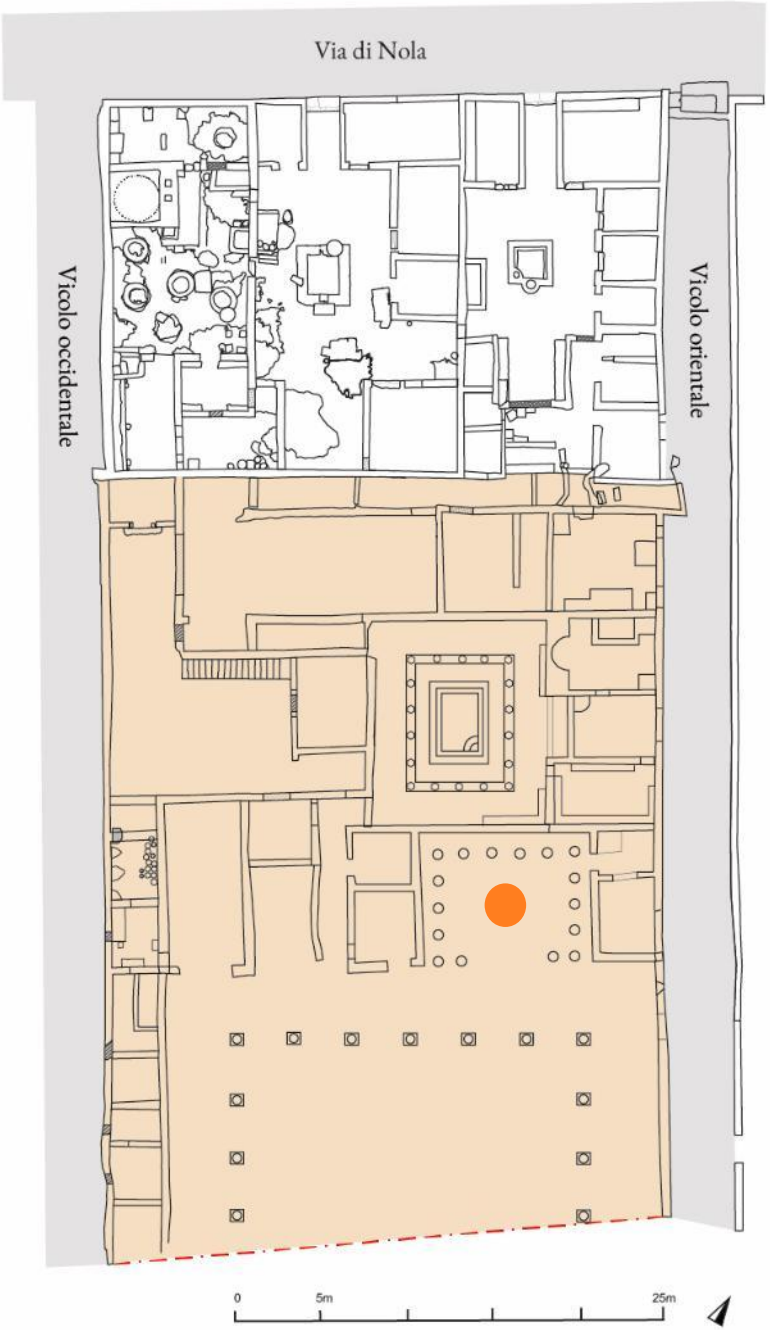
Frigidarium | Cold room
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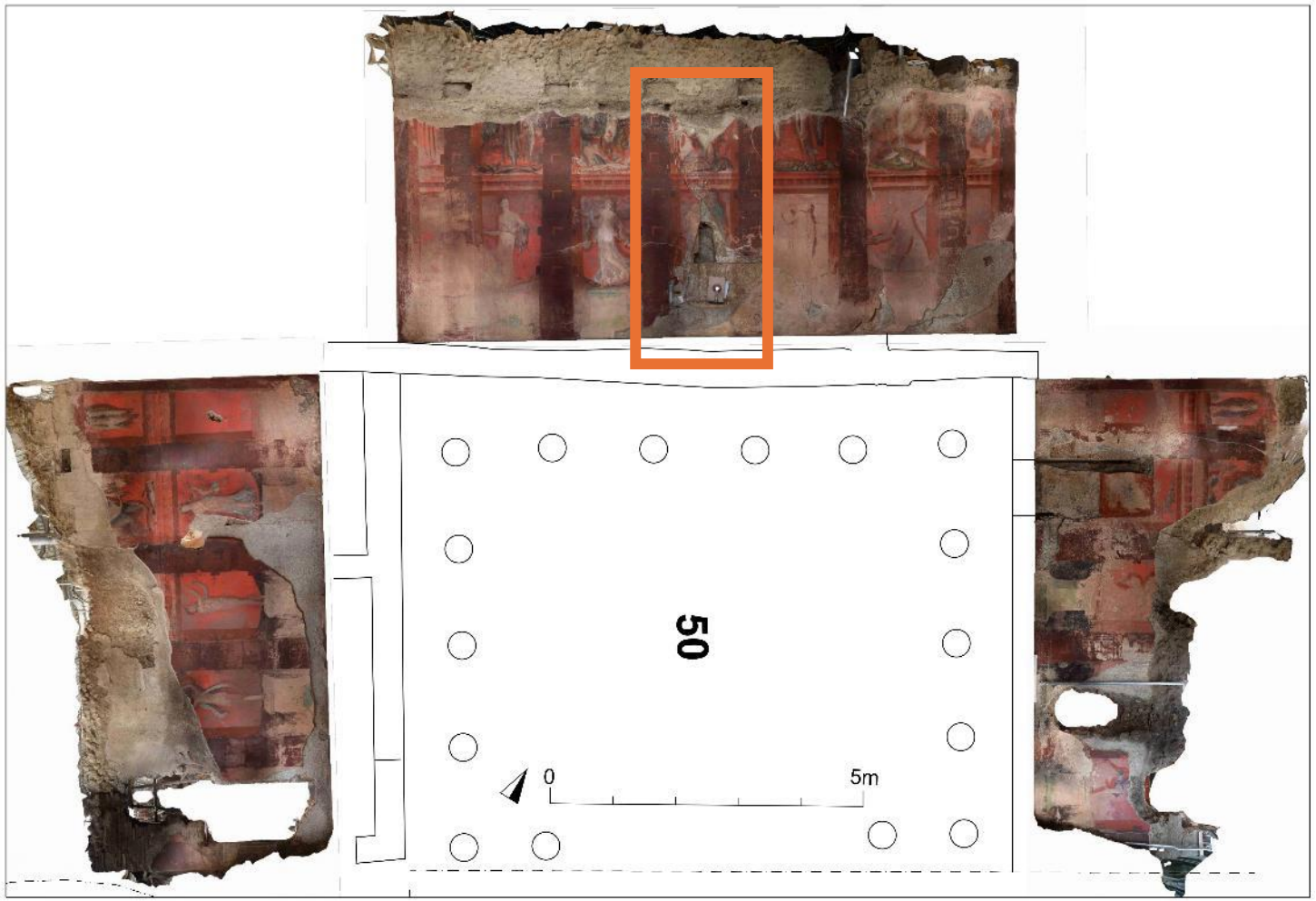


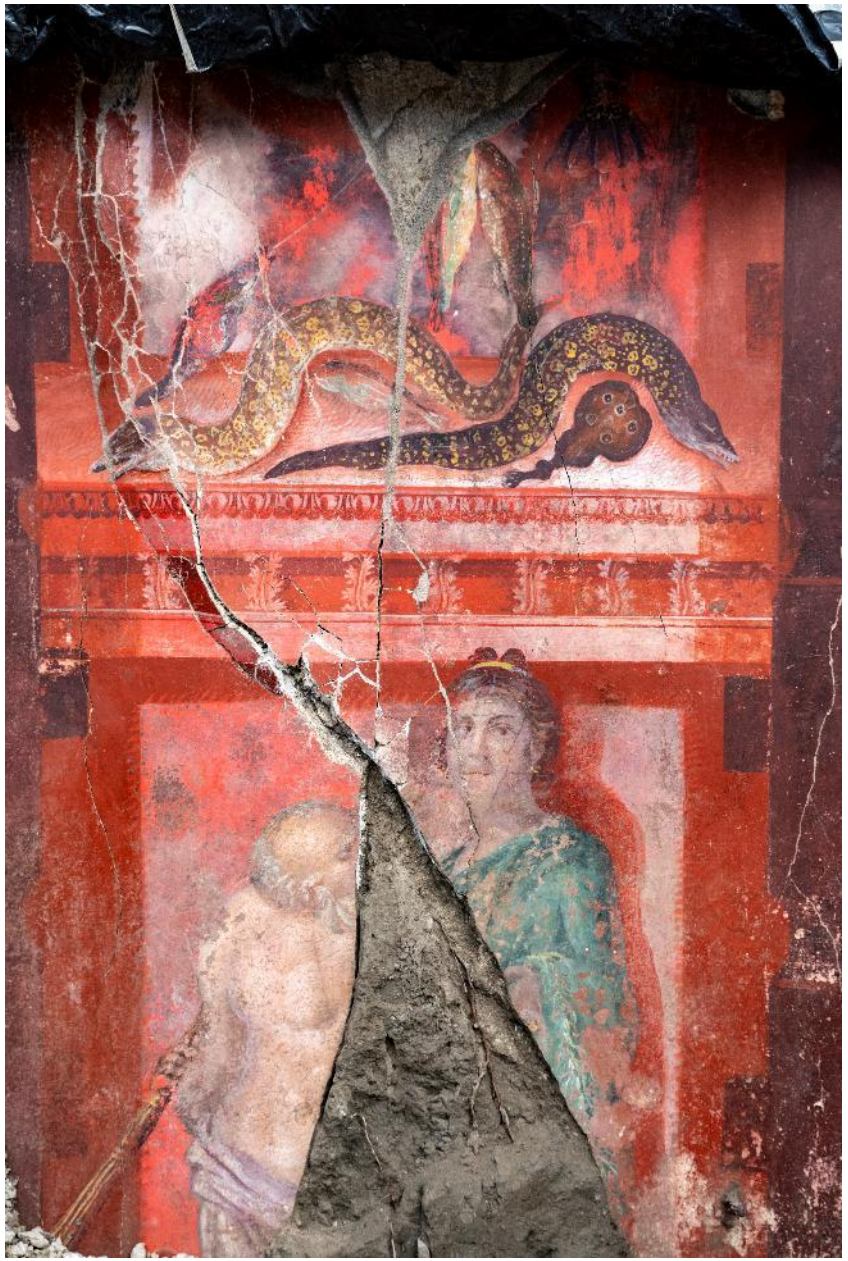


Thiasus of Dionysus room
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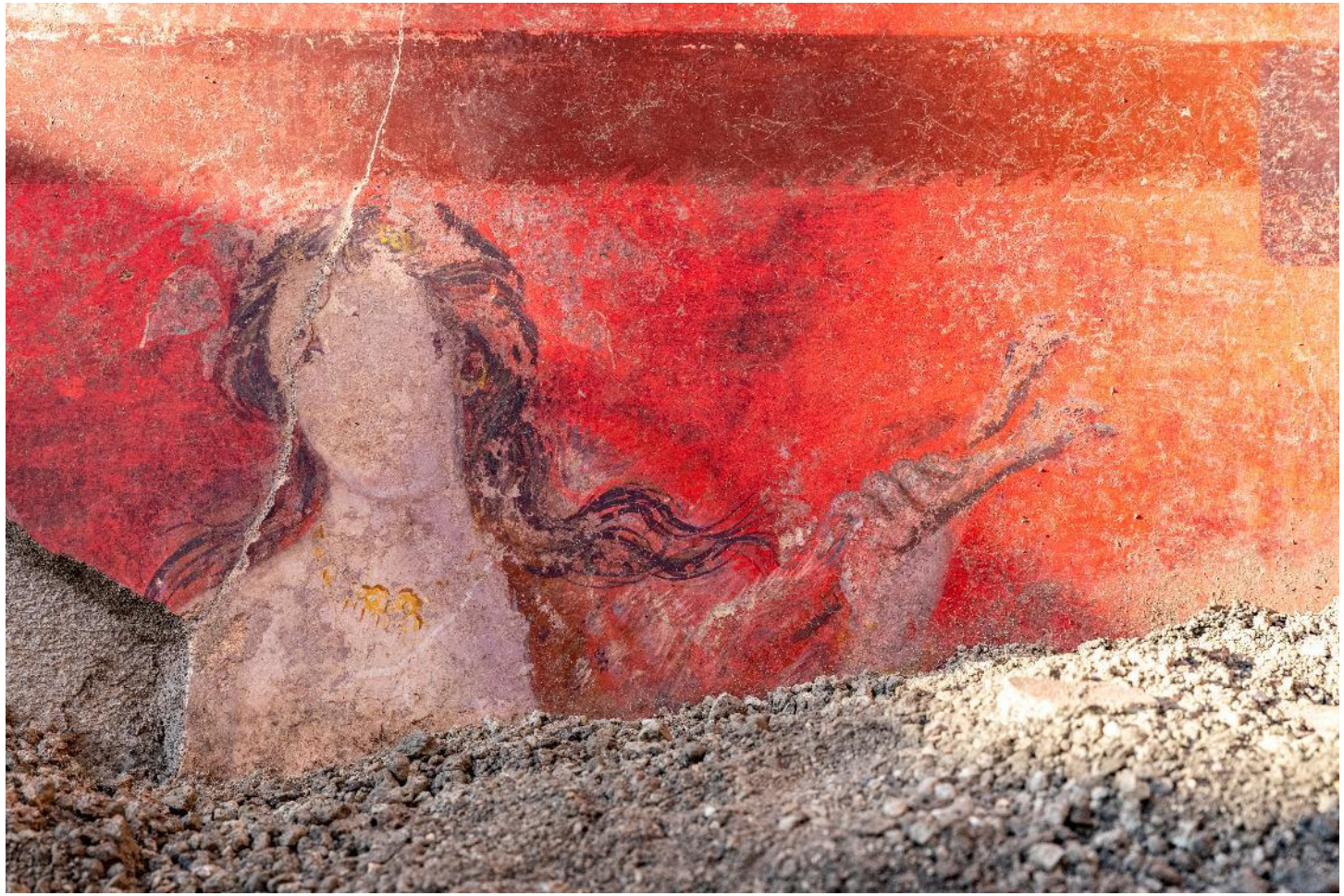


Thiasus of Dionysus room
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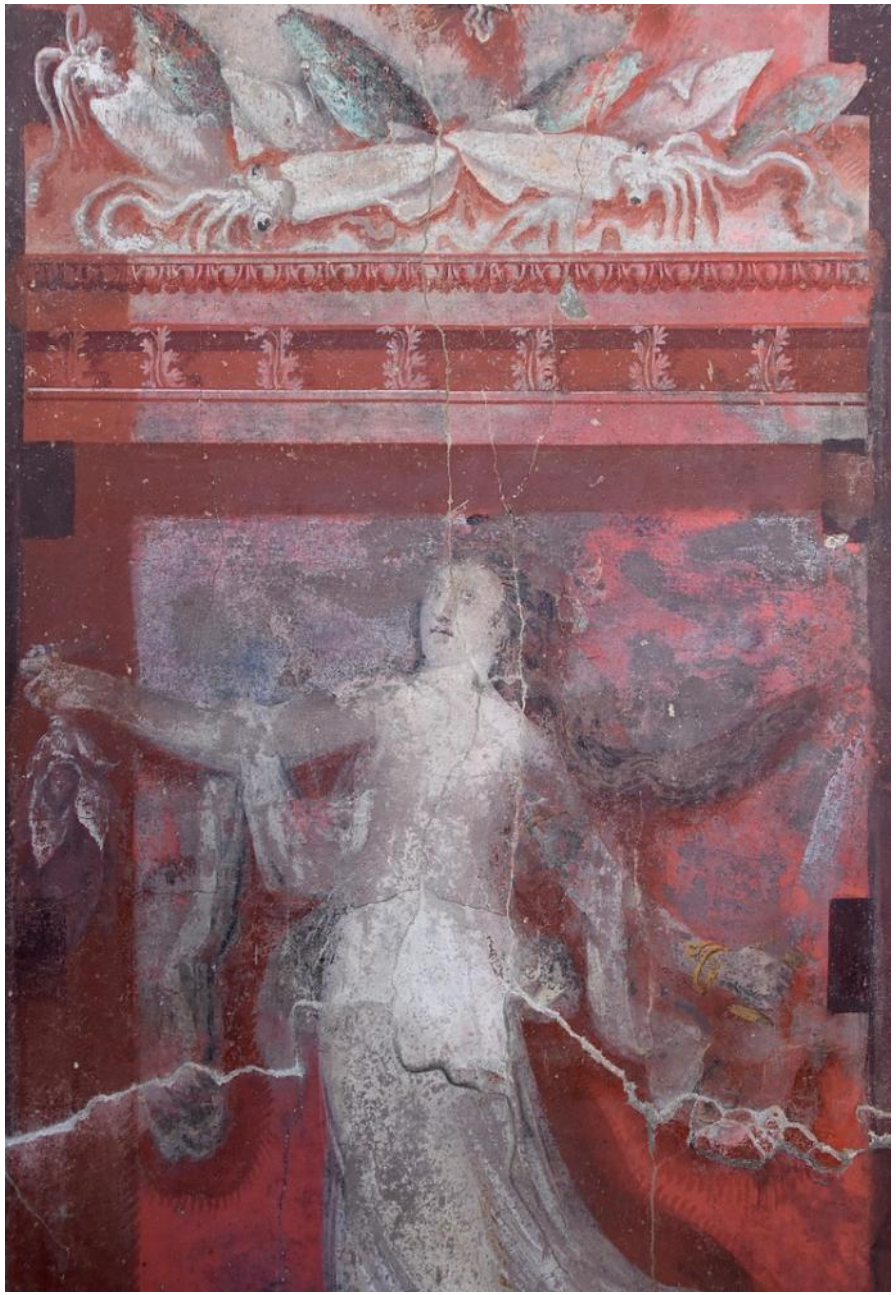
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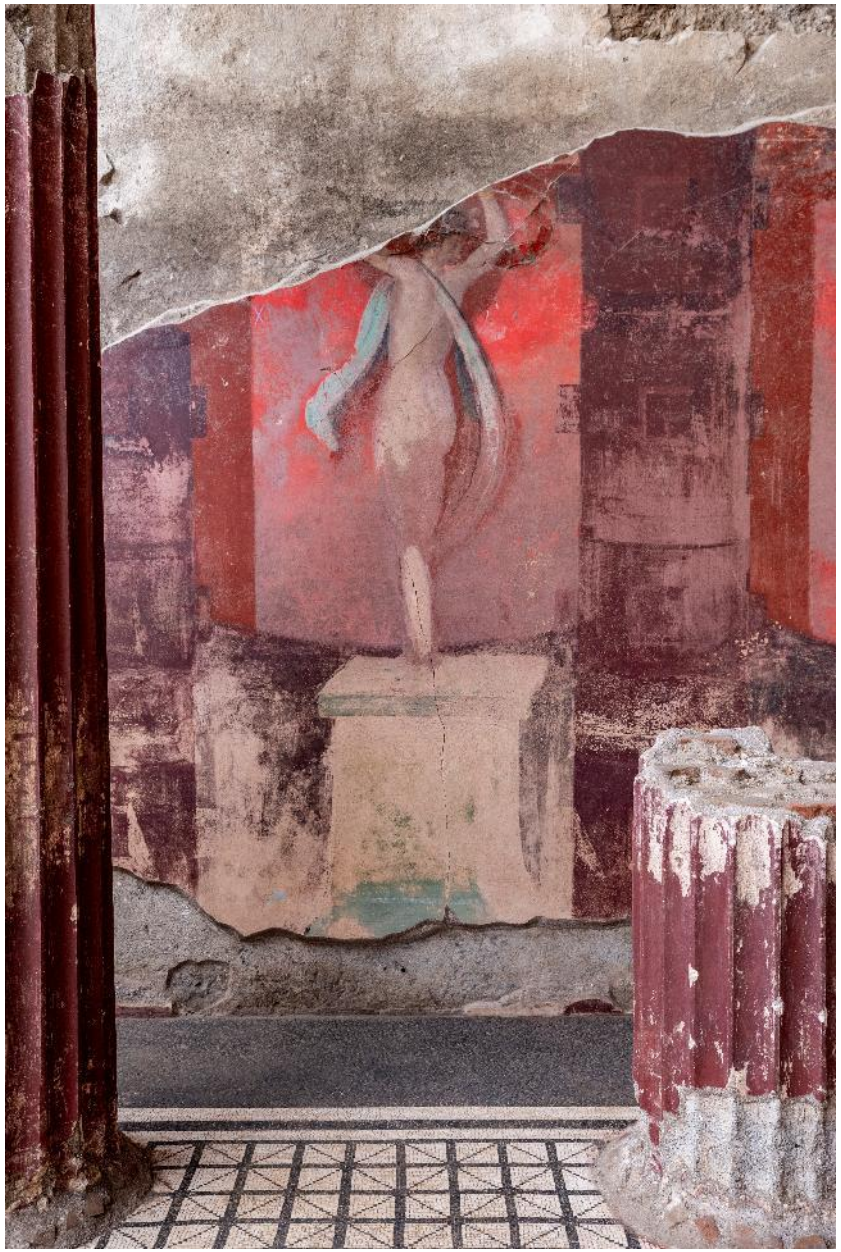


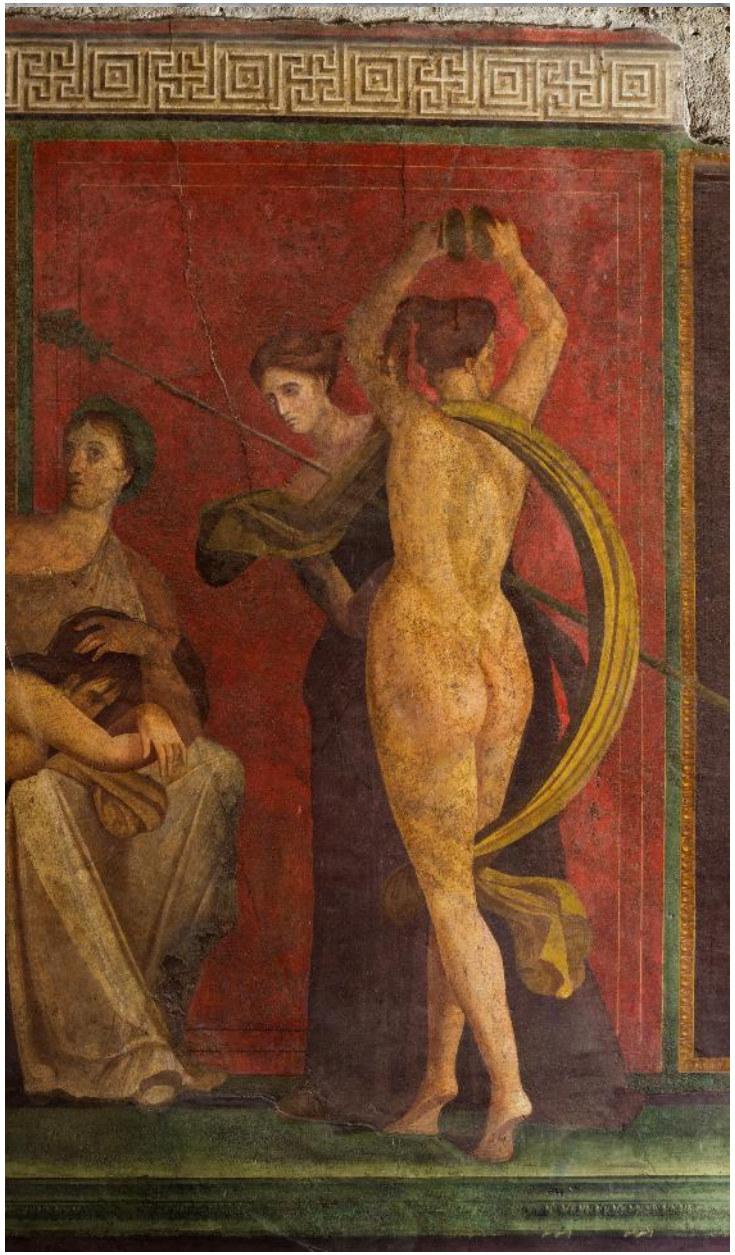
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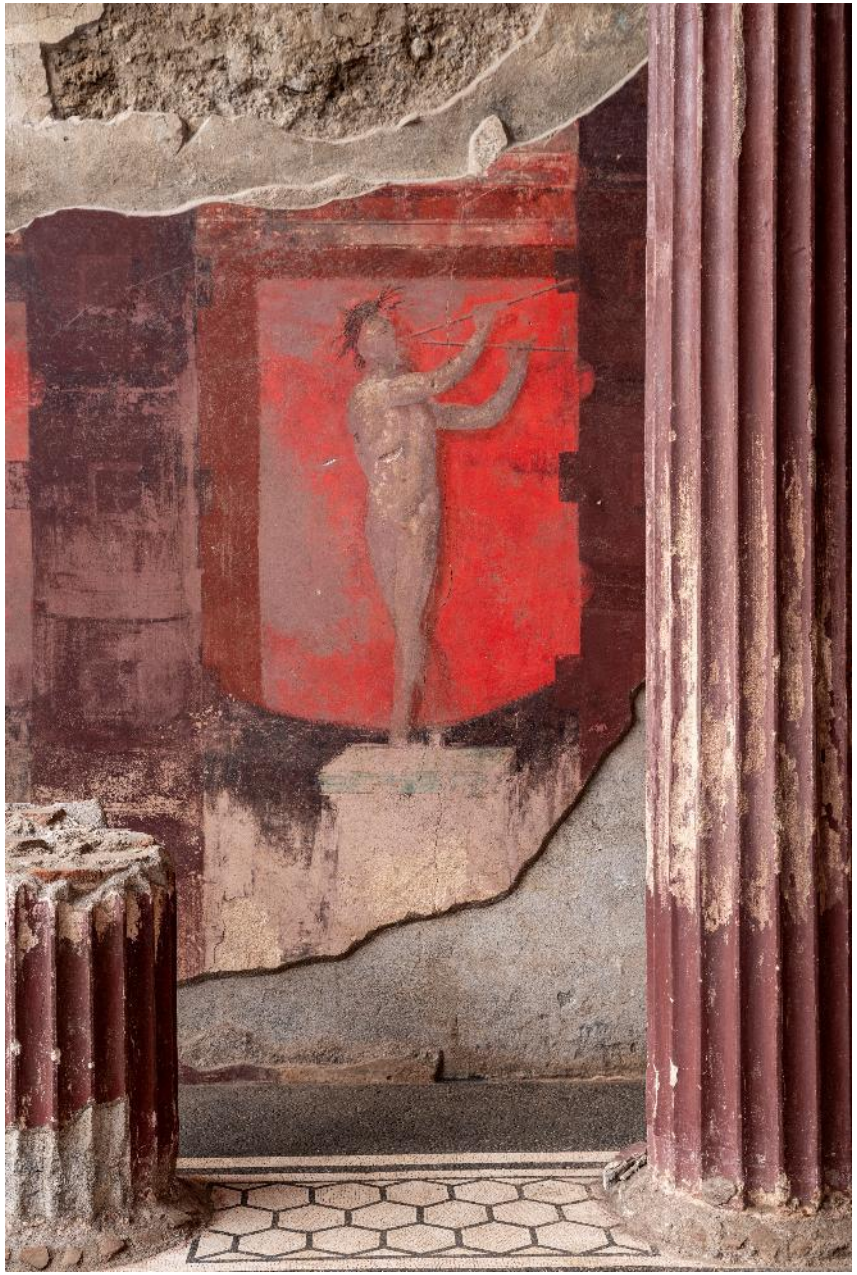


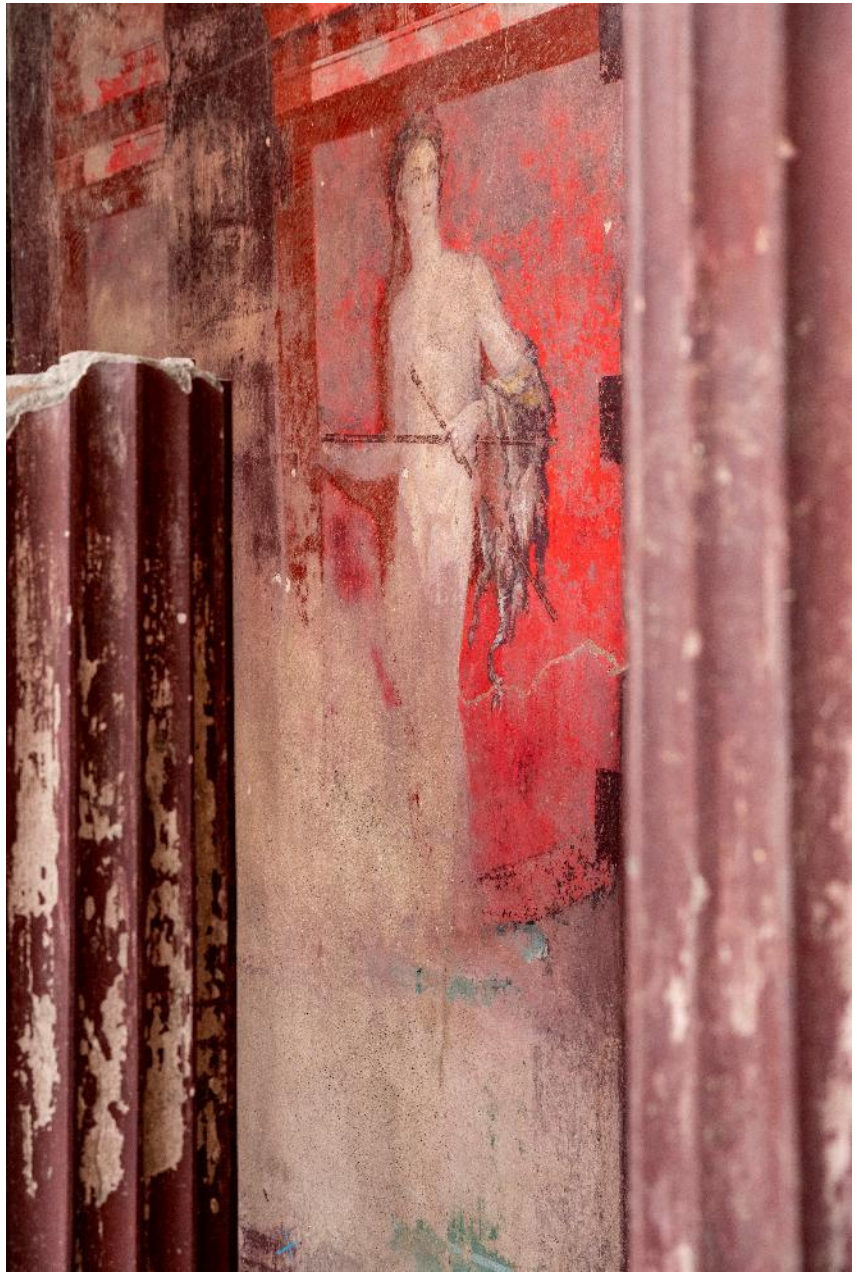
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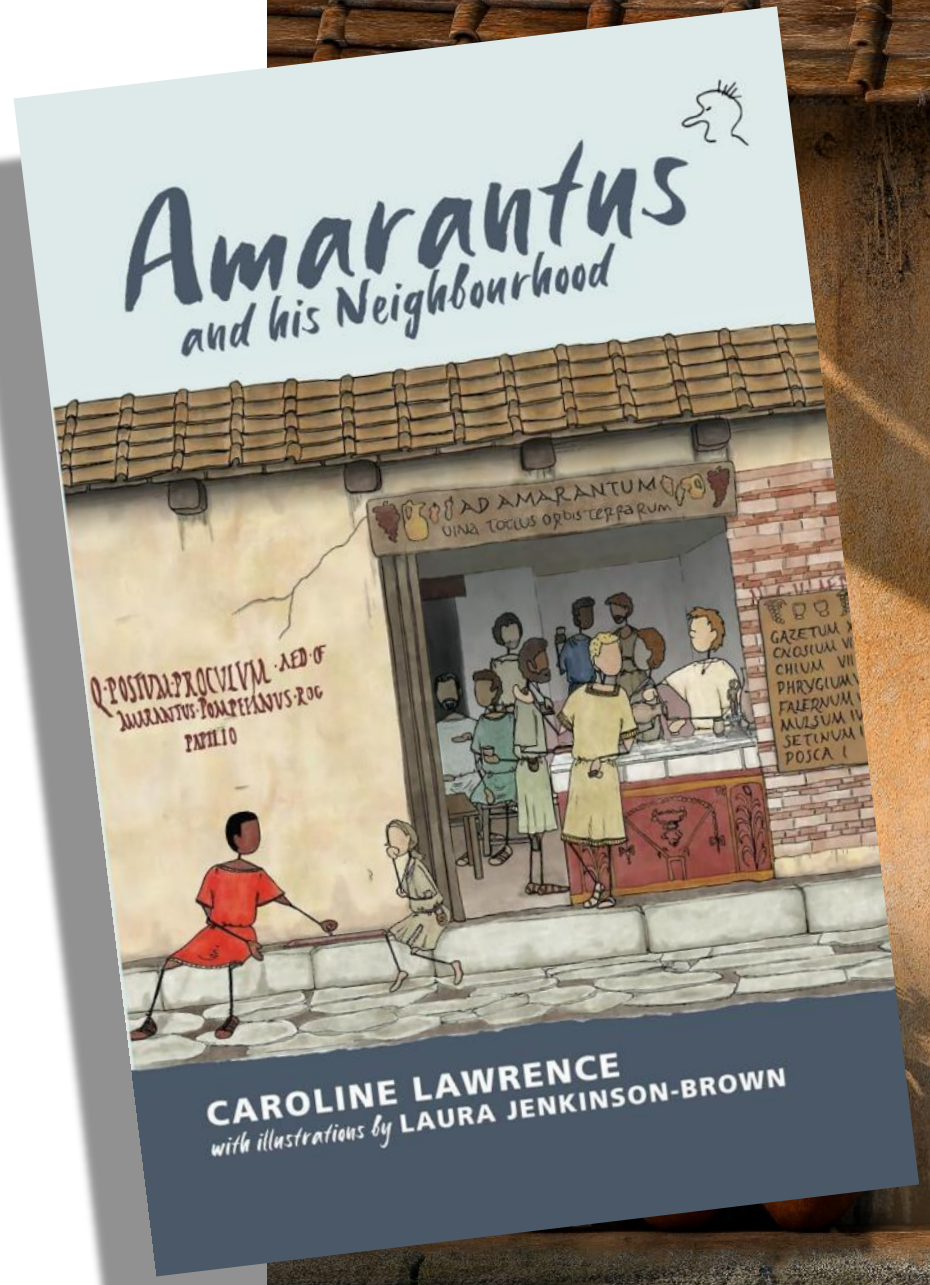
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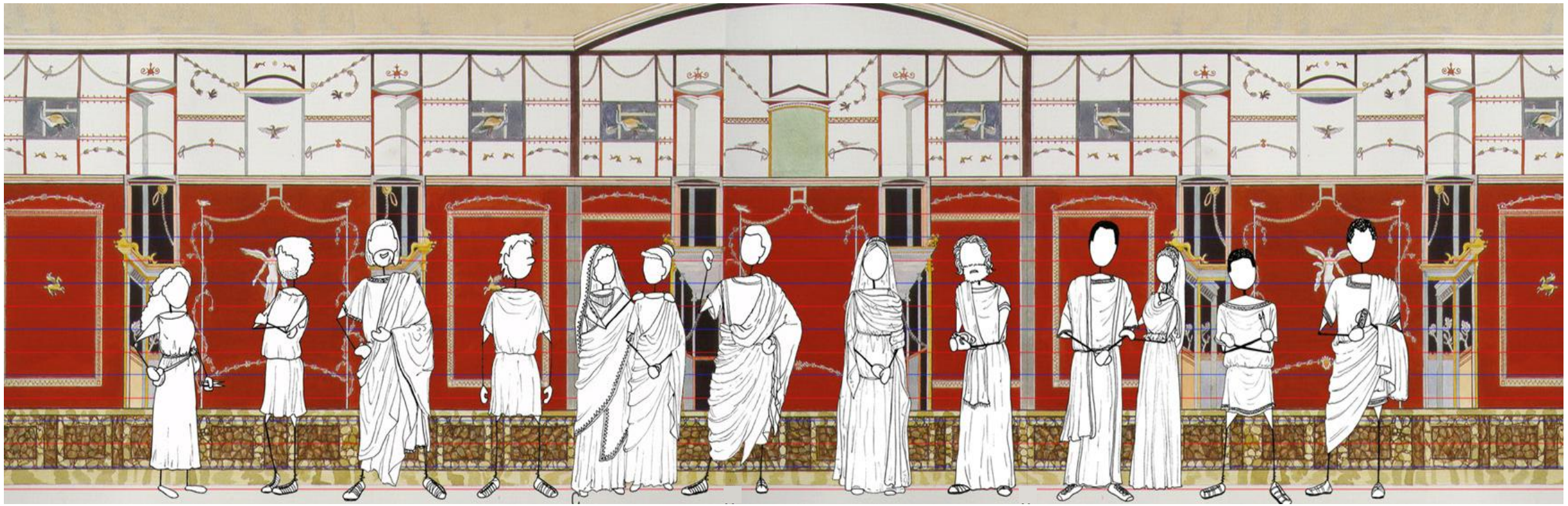
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