

some Latro thoughts

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Lisa Schaffer-Doggett — 04 Sep 2003, 05:09

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Andrew Bollen — 04 Sep 2003, 05:29 · follows Lisa Schaffer-Doggett

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Were the Tarquins descended from Aeneas? I thought they were supposed to be descendants of <some guy from Corinth>. But if they were, it would make Latro's tryst with Aphrodite a little more outre, since she was Aeneas' mother.

On a tangent, there is an enigmatic claim by the Mother-as-Sphinx somewhere towards the end: I am your mother, and your mother's mother. How does that fit mythologically? (Biologically, we've got problems.) If Latro is an avatar of Aeneas, then she seems to be claiming to be both Aphrodite and the Ocean. If Latro is an avatar of Areas, then it's Hera and Rhea. Neither possibility does very much for me, but I guess it means **something**.