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Aeneid, Book 8 (Fagles translation):

Opening
- Turnus rallies other Italians for battle against Aeneas's Trojans (1-19)
- Aeneas and Dream-prophecy of Tiber (20-112)

Aeneas at Pallanteum (Rome) I
- Festival of Hercules at Ara Maxima (113-361)
    - Evander quickly agrees to alliance (143-201)
    - Evander tells story of Hercules and Cacus (213-316)
- Tour of Pallanteum (Rome) (361-435)
    - Age of Saturn
    - Altar and Gate of Carmentis; Asylum; Lupercal; Argiletum; Capitoline; Forum; Carinae; Palatine

Venus and Vulcan
- Venus persuades Vulcan to make arms for Aeneas (435-490)
- Vulcan to Vulcania to make arms (490-535)

Aeneas at Pallanteum (Rome) II
- Evander tells of Caeretans' need for a foreign leader against Mezentius; offers his son Pallas and 400 cavalry (564-614)
- Sign from Venus: war is coming and armor is ready (615-638)
- Evander's emotional goodbye to Pallas (653-690)
- Army of Aeneas and Pallas rides to Caere (690-716)

The Shield of Aeneas
- Venus presents arms to Aeneas (716-738)
- Description of the Shield (738-853)
    - Romulus and Remus and the she-wolf
    - Rape of the Sabine Women
    - War then Peace between Romans and Sabines
    - Execution of Mettus, dictator of Alba Longa
    - Porsenna besieges Rome; Cocles and Cloelia
    - The Gauls occupy Rome, 390 BC
    - Roman religious guilds: Salii, Luperci, matrons
    - Underworld: Catiline in Tartarus; Cato in Elysium
    - Battle of Actium, 31 BC
    - Octavian's Triple Triumph at Rome, 29 BC

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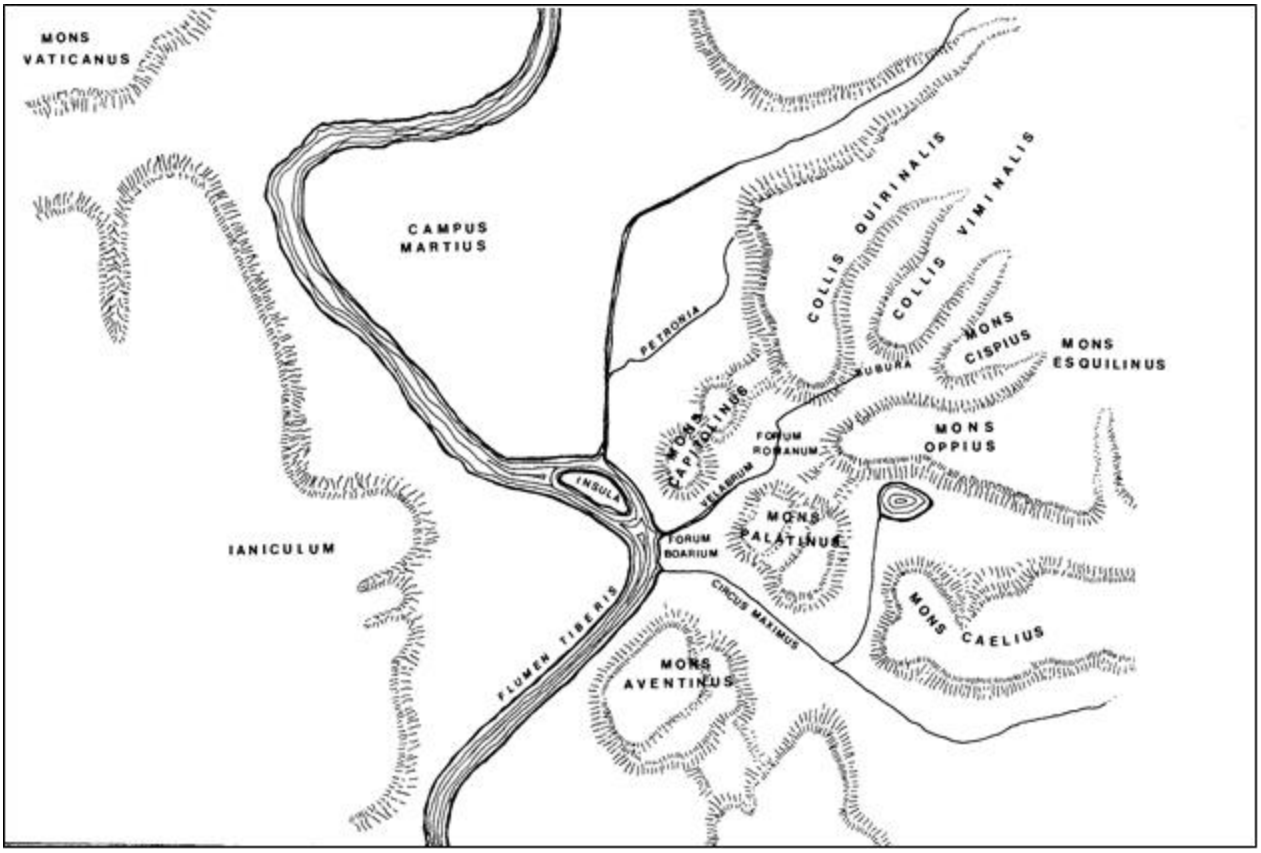

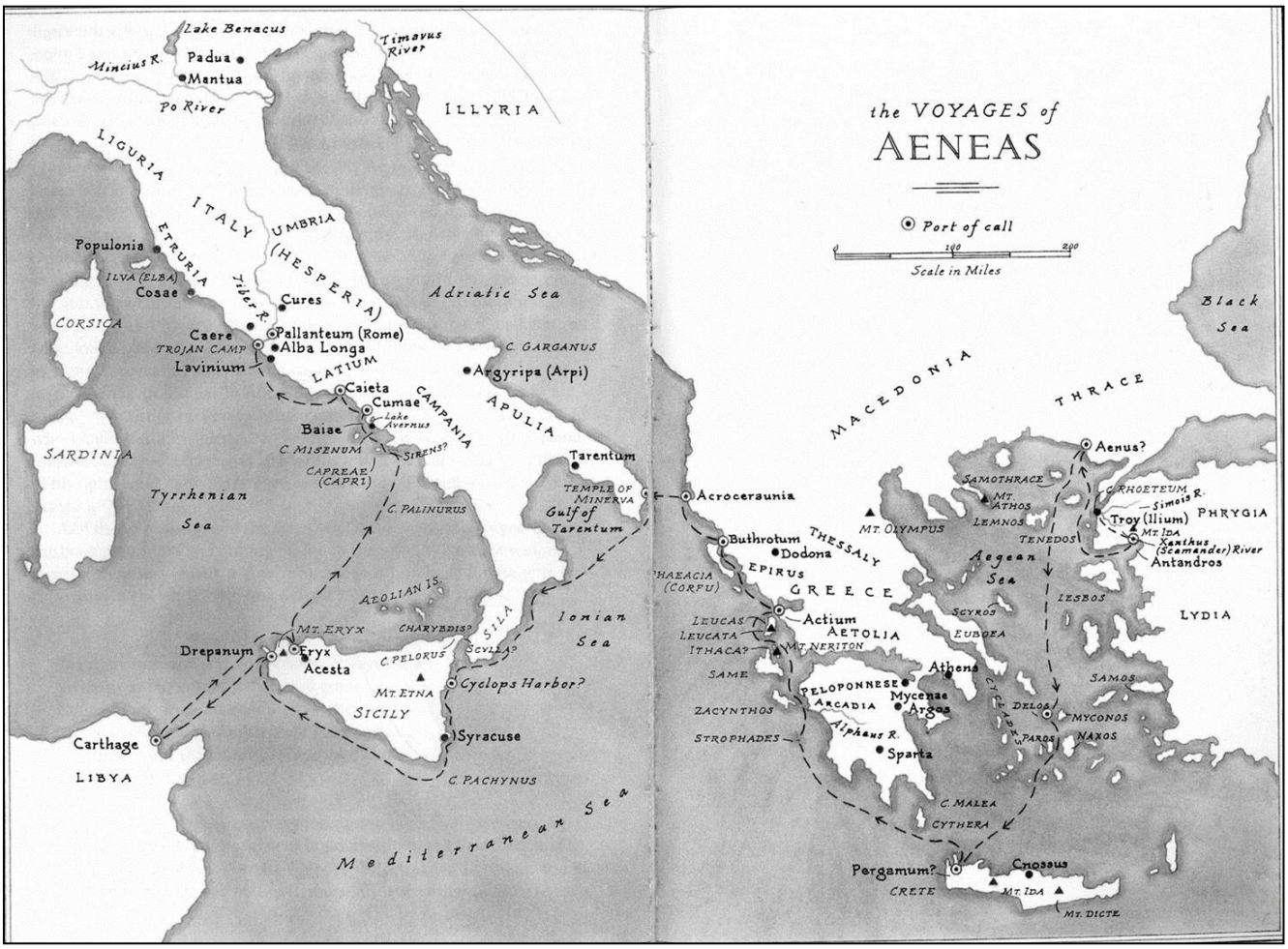

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