

Der Poenulus des Plautus

Puer septuennis surripitur Cartagine
Osor mulierum ' emptum adoptat hunc senex
Et facit heredem. eius cognatae duae
Nutrixque earum raptae. mercatur Lucus,
Vexatque amantem. at ille cum auro vilicum
Lenoni obtrudit, ita eum furto ' alligat.
Venit Hanno Poenus, gnatum hunc fratris repperit
Suasque agnoscit quas perdiderat filias.

This seven-year-old boy gets kidnapped from Baghdad—
 Once he's in Sarajevo, a rich old guy who hates women,
 Wanting an heir, buys him . . . and adopts him—
 Eventually makes him his heir. Then this kid's two girl cousins,
 Loitering in the Casbah one day, with their nanny,
 Help! get snatched themselves. The Wolf, a pimp,
 Educates them and turns them out for hire,
 And teases the kid (who now loves one of the girls).
 Deceiving him, the kid gets the girl. Meanwhile Uncle Saddam
 Searching, finds him (his nephew), and his own lost girls.*

