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From Your President

From Your Editors



Salvēte amīcī!

I'm Connie, your Latin club president. I'm so excited for all the things in store from our club this year! This year, you readers can expect a lot of fun activities like certamens, picnics, and of course our pizza-movie nights. On the service side, we have tons of Matthew 25 events and other service projects coming up. Stay tuned by following our Instagram @scdlatin and get updates about our events! Thanks so much for getting involved with our club - we really appreciate it. I'm looking forward to working with such an awesome board this year and I know that we're going to have a great year!

Grātiās maximās vobīs ago,

Connie!

Salvēte amīcī!

I hope you enjoy reading this issue of Vox Latina as much as lenjoyed creating it! In this issue, we have a recap of Latin convention activities, from this past NJCL in Fargo to this year's in Virginia. Featured also are articles about our favorite family in OJCL (the Deans), the relevance of mythology in our modern lives, the origin of words, and current archaeological findings about Ancient Rome— a wide range of topics for a wide variety of interests! A heartfelt article about Latin Love is relatable to all of us who persist and persevere because of our passions. Many thanks to those who contributed to this issue! I'm looking forward to an exciting year ahead for Vox Latina.

Grātiās maximās vobīs ago,

Irene and Abby







2019 NJCL Convention

By Ryan Burns

This past Nationals was a resounding success for the Summit Latin Club. While we are sad to see our seniors, Julia Dean, Brigid Devine, and Beckett Schiaparelli leave, there is much excitement surrounding the future of the Summit Latin program. Jimmy, Irene, and Kendall were on an intermediate certamenteam. which made it to the semifinals. In Frisbeewas canceled. On the bright side, addition, Irene earned 1st overall in Ohio is still the reigning national graphic arts and 8th overall in total Ultimate Frisbee champion. This was one points out of all the NJCL. Also, Kendall's of the biggest disappointments of the mosaic was a candidate for the week. We will come back next year prestigious Best-In-Show award. The looking to win a second championship youngsters did some great work leading in a row.

From cheering at spirit to the fire alarm going off in the girls dorm in the middle of the night, it was a great week of fun and learning for Summit at Nationals this year!

up to and throughout the week. Ohio had a team full of hungry athletes ready to take the Ultimate Frisbee crown; however, because of the "inclement" weather that never came, Ultimate



How to Bolster Attendance at Latin Convention

By Michelle Chen

Latin Convention is a memorable event to attend. Below are some ideas to bolster convention attendance for future students to come:



Spread more awareness: If Latin activities go under the radar, spreading awareness (via Instagram, school newspaper, etc.) can let more people know of any activities planned and update people on the Latin community.



Add more activities: Hold some fun activities people would enjoy. Options include taking a field trip to places with historic classically related artifacts or host events that will allow people to get a feel of what life was like in the Roman eras. People will be able to find ways to learn about the history of Latin and have fun.



Throw a classically themed party: At this exciting event, people can party with fellow Latin students to take a break from learning.



Host a classically themed dinner: Bring ancient foods a typical Roman would eat. The menu could consist of millet porridge, veal, mutton, barley, and more.



More merch: Give out some merch to members to help with advertising. Suggestions are water bottles, sweatshirts, bracelets, stickers, stress balls, etc.

Overall, Convention is so much fun to be a part of. Adding more activities and spreading more awareness will increase the number of people attending convention and keep the spirit of Latin alive!



Summit Latin Club Activities (2019-2020)

- O Oct 26: OJCL Make a Difference Day
- Nov 2: Seven Hills School Certamen
- O Nov 2: Matthew 25 Service Activity
- Nov 15: Celebration of the Classics
- O Feb 1: Xavier University Certamen
- Feb 29: Summit Country Day School Certamen
- O March 13-15: OJCL Convention in Columbus, OH
- March 28 or April 4: Ursuline Academy Certamen
- O April 25: Mt. Notre Dame High School Certamen
- O July 24-29: NJCL Convention in Richmond, VA





Fall Forum, and Why You Should Go!

By Jimmy Fraley

Every year, the OJCL hosts a Fall Forum at Columbus Academy. Since its inaugural year in 2016, Fall Forum has attracted JCLers from around the state to participate in numerous classic and exciting activities. But even still— why should you go to Fall Forum?

Testing

Testing doesn't seem like a reason to get hyped for Fall Forum. However, it doesn't hurt to try your luck with a short test and possibly win something.

Certamen

This competition involving the classic buzzer game gives you the opportunity to test your skills against competitors from all around the state with less of the pressure that competitive certamen brings.

Colloquia

The colloquia at Fall Forum cover a variety of topics, ranging from the fun and educational ones like weaving, to the more practical, including how to run for state office.

Graphic Arts

At convention, there are many different types of graphic arts competitions. Similarly, at Fall Forum, there are still graphic arts, but on a much smaller scale. Delegates at Fall Forum can compete in impromptu art, in which teams work to create a masterpiece involving a classical theme, a short list of materials, and a generous time limit.

Olympika

At National Convention, delegates can compete in Olympika, which cover sports from volleyball to ultimate frisbee. At Fall Forum, there are usually two main activities: capture the flag and ultimate frisbee. All delegates have a blast during these games, especially if their team wins.

Creative Arts

There are many creative arts competitions. As far as creative arts are concerned, there are different kinds of sight passages where delegates are given a passage they've never seen before of Latin or English and are asked to perform it in front of judges with little time to prepare. These passages vary in difficulty based on your experience, and are one of the most underrated and hidden parts of Fall Forum.

Service

A service project is hosted every year at Fall Forum. One of the most common projects is making cards to deliver to hospitalized children. This is one of the most rewarding parts of Fall Forum, as not only do you get an opportunity to spend time with fellow JCLers, but you also are making a difference.



The Convention Experience

The goal of Fall Forum is to provide a mini-convention, for those who have gone and those who have not. It covers all the convention essentials, from service, to contests, to colloquia. It gives students the opportunity to connect with other students in one big JCL community. It unites students in a common activity, no matter where they are from. Fall Forum is an all around great experience, just like State Convention. Attend and you won't regret it.

CERTAMEN By Kendall Richard STRATEGIES

Certamen. The riveting buzzer game we all know and love. There are certain standout players on every team. What makes these students better than all the rest? Here are five sure-fire* ways to get better at the sport.

Have a pregame ritual: find your thing, whatever it is. Maybe you have a team huddle before the round, or perhaps you make a sacrifice to Apollo. You do you.

Do some hand stretches: work out your fingers and flex those muscles to get the perfect hyper-buzz on those impossible questions. Finger flutters are for sure the way to go.



Match with your team: wearing matching jerseys is a great way to get all the team members on the same page and to make sure everyone works together.

4 Study: if you're going to become a certamen legend, you might want to learn the material. Just a thought.

> Watch the game tape: memorize the old questions you got wrong or failed to buzz on, and work tirelessly to correct your mistakes.

*Disclaimer: Number 4 is the only guaranteed way to achieve certamen greatness.

Study, study, study!







The Dean Dynasty

By Abby Almaguer

If you are a member of the Ohio Junior students at convention in any way Classical League, you probably already possible. Summit awarded Mr. Dean the know about the Dean family. They have been more affectionately nicknamed the Dean Dynasty, or even the Deanasty. The Deans are well known in the JCL community for their knowledge, leadership, and friendly faces. Mr. Dean and his wife, who taught Latin at Indian Hill High School, named both of their children after revered Romans. Tullus was named after the third king of Rome, Tullus Hostilius, and Julia was named after Julius Caesar (maybe).

Mr. Dean has taught Latin at Summit for twenty years, leading our nationally recognized program. Before Summit, he taught for ten years, both as a high school drives all of us to be part of the OJCL teacher and a graduate student teacher. He served as the OJCL Chair of Students for nine years and helped teachers and

Leader of Character award and the Faculty Chair for Distinguished Teaching. Mr. Dean inspires excitement and enthusiasm for the classics in all of his students.

The Dean kids grew up talking about the classics at home long before they began taking Latin at school in sixth grade. They did not feel pressured to take Latin because their parents were teachers, but took Latin because both of them genuinely wanted to. Julia says that she always loved it, but more importantly, it was "language that I could use to connect with others and join a community— the OJCL." This sense of camaraderie that inspired both Julia and Tullus to run to office on the OJCL executive board.

"Mr. Dean inspires excitement and enthusiasm for the classics in all of his students."

Tullus Dean was OJCL parliamentarian organization, the Senior Classical League. both 2014-2015 and 2016-2017, his The OSCL members do all the small things sophomore and senior years. parliamentarian, his duties included overseeing Ohio's voting in the executive board elections at the National Junior Classical League convention, running all less important, as they have more aspects of the elections at the Ohio Junior freedom over their positions; instead, Classical League convention, and making amendments to the OJCL constitution if asking "what can we do to make a JCLer necessary. During his second term, an amendment added was to constitution.

Julia Dean was also on the state executive board. As a freshman, Julia applied for the position of southern gubernator, which is appointed by the other members of the board elected at OJCL convention. As southern gubernator, she organized service projects for latin students in the of the Madeira Latin Club says that some Cincinnati area, such as the Make A of her classmates were "oddly interested" Difference Day, held at the California Woods Nature Preserve. The following the "Tullus Dean Fan Club," a running joke two years Julia ran for office, then in within their Latin Club. elected positions for which campaigned at the state convention. Julia and continue to help the Junior Classical was parliamentarian and then second League in many ways, now everyone's vice-president of the Ohio Junior favorite Dean is Anni, their dog! She Classical League. president, Julia ran state-wide service Anni" on the Summit Latin Instagram page projects and contests.

members of the JCL, both Julia and Tullus follow Anni at @scdlatin on Instagram! to join its college-level decided

As behind the scenes that middle and high school students do not even realize are necessary. Tullus says that in the SCL which position you have on the board is being a member of the OSCL is about really enjoy convention?"Julia is the the current parliamentarian. Tullus has served as parliamentarian and secretary, and is the current president of the organization. Through his position of leadership both in the Ohio Junior Classical League and the Ohio Senior Classical League, Tullus has amassed a growing number of supporters. A member in Tullus, and that led to the founding of

she While all of the Deanshave a lasting legacy As second vice- currently has a segment called "Dear organized convention in which students ask her questions they have about Latin and the classics and she After such wonderful experiences as responds with insightful answers. Go

"The Dean kids grew up talking about the classics at home long before they began taking Latin at school in sixth grade. They did not feel pressured to take Latin because their parents were teachers, but took Latin because both of them genuinely wanted to."

Feeling like the most neless

By Elsa Khan

To be blunt, I am not the best at Latin. I was slower when it came to translating, conjugating, understanding the endings, word placement, tenses, and all the other grammatical concepts that tended to fly over my head during class. I remember my sophomore year of high school: I was taking Honors Latin 3, the pre-AP Latin course that would prep us for the rigor and other expectations of AP Latin. I struggled a lot. My friends would be sitting around me and would seem to have simply just understood the material, quickly providing the correct answer while I felt like I was just sitting there stupidly.

I've always enjoyed the language, the community it has behind it, and, of course, the myths and other stories associated with the classical culture. My love for this language overpowered my loud insecurities that told me that I was not as good as my friends, and therefore not good enough. Everyone around me seemed to know what they were doing! I kept sitting there taking notes and desperately trying to cram information into my head so that I could possibly do better than my average test score (which was not the best). Or I would be at State Convention, and I would feel like such an idiot when people whip out answers for certamen or on the tests.

It's hard being surrounded by all these people who seem so much smarter than you; you tend to always put yourself below them and forget that you're still learning, but maybe just not as fast.



Learning a new language is difficult, and that's something that I may not be the best at! I speak English and understand a lot of Urdu and some Arabic, but maybe Latin is not the language that comes as easily to me. I've learned to be content with the concept that it's okay not to feel the smartest in a room of talented people.

It's okay to feel like you're not the best at Latin but still love it. That's what I did. I still learned so much, which has helped me in many of my classes outside of the realm of Latin. I feel like not a lot of people have addressed the fact that you may not be the quickest person to give an answer, or you may not be the person that everyone turns to for Latin homework help, but you are still more than welcome to be a part of the community. Just because you weren't the top 10 on the state tests does not mean you are not as smart, even if you give an incorrect answer. We all are learning; take your time.



FROM THE FUTURE OF

I like Latin

because...

By 7th and 8th Grade Summit Latin Students

...it will help me if I go

...I think it is a cool language.

...I enjoy Greek and Roman mythology.

into law school, medical school, or if I want to learn other languages.

...I very much enjoy the Latin community and the after school events are a bonus, too.

THE LATIN PROGRAM!

...it helps
with English
vocab =
better scores
on HSPT, ACT,
SAT, etc.

...Latin convention. Need I say more? ...l really enjoy my Latin class and the projects we do.

...I decided to continue learning Latin because it is super fun! ...I just love learning derivatives and Latin words.

...I enjoy reading the epics by the poets.



Mythology in the Modern Day

By Erin Devine

 \mathcal{J} or thousands of years, Greek and Literary reference isn't the only way Roman culture has influenced the way mythology has survived; ever since we live lives. our government, art, literature, language, certain images of mythology have and architecture, evidence of these appeared. For example, the staff of classic civilizations lies everywhere: Asclepius is still used on medical from the columns on monuments in company logos and medical supplies. Washington D.C., to the names of The popular shoe company with the cities like Cincinnati. Like these iconic 'swoosh' for a logo is named cultures that have influenced so many after the Greek goddess of victory, things in modern times, so has the Nike. mythology and deities that were worshipped back in the days of Rome! Mythology has even worked its way

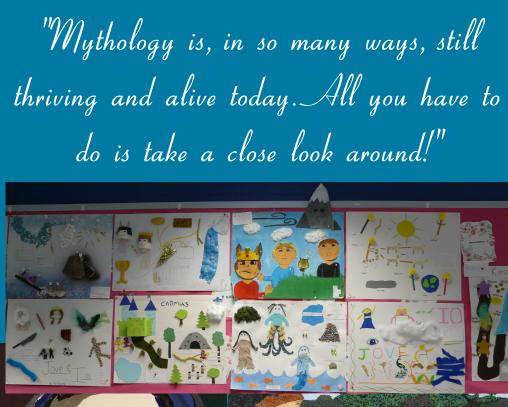
polytheistic Greece and Italy can be trips to the moon (even though he's traced mostly through literature. the sun god), and is named after Shakespeare's works like Romeo and Apollo's ability to always hit his mark Juliet were influenced by Ovid's with his arrows. The elements Pyramus and Thisbe, and Mary promethium and titanium are named Shelley's novel Frankenstein has a after Prometheus, and the strong, direct theme to Prometheus's tale and powerful titans who came before the called was even Prometheus when she was alive. convention, when students aren't Children's books and the *Percy* celebrating the language or grammar Jackson series have continued to of Latin, we dress up and make entertain current day youth. The plots projects based off of mythological and names of gods and goddesses are figures and tales. used for characters in some works to demonstrate specific qualities, such Mythology is, in so many ways, still as wealth and gloom for Pluto, or love thriving and alive today. All you have and charisma for Venus.

Through the Renaissance and onward, art and

into science. NASA's Apollo Space Mythology's major role in post- Program is world-renowned for its The Modern gods (respectively)! Even

to do is take a close look around!



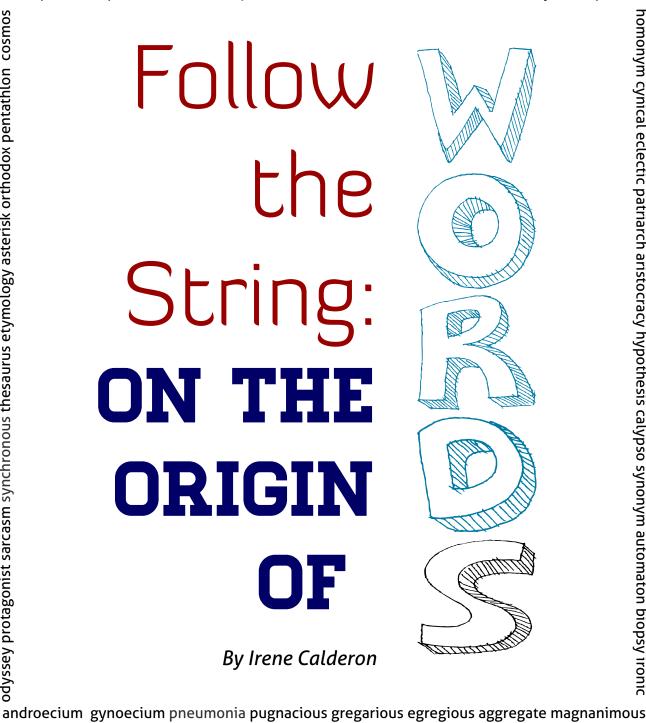






Original artwork by Summit Latin students, inspired by mythology

colloquial omnipotent incredulous providence credentials triumvirate femininity retrospective



homonym cynical eclectic patriarch aristocracy hypothesis calypso synonym automaton biopsy ironic

tymology (the study of word origins) often gets a bad rep. It's easy to get lost in the heap of memorization and information. But fear not! Despite etymology's complexity, knowing the origin of words truly pays off in the long run. Etymology...

...can help you memorize and decipher the meanings ...helps with spelling of unknown words

If you study more advanced science and law, you'll often see really technical words in their jargon that aren't really used in common speech! Often times, however, these words will use Latin or Greek roots, and you sometimes can piece together the definition of a word based on its roots. For example, the androecium and gynoecium of a flower describe its reproductive structures. How can you remember their functions, and how can you differentiate between the two? If you know the prefixes andr- and gyn- come from the Greek words for man and woman (respectively), and that -oecium comes from the Greek noun oikion meaning house, it's much easier to associate the androecium for male reproductive structures, and the gynoecium for female ones!

The English language is one of the hardest languages in terms of spelling! Sometimes it seems like there are just as many exceptions as there are rules. This is due to the sheer amount of words that come from foreign languages, which each have their own separate rules for spelling! If you want to improve your spelling skills, it helps to know a few word roots. For instance, you might have trouble remembering that first p in pneumonia. "Why does the p exist if we don't even pronounce it?" wondered all of us. The answer to that question lies in its etymology: pneumonia comes from the Greek noun pneumon, meaning lung. This makes sense, given that pneumonia is an inflammation of the lungs. Once you know pneumonia's Greek root, it's much easier to remember its initial p!

...helps with vocabulary (both English Latin Greek!)

If you study word roots without knowing the definition of the root, then etymology will seem like much more memorization than it actually is. Knowing classical vocabulary provides context for the derivative you're studying. For example, you might be studying the word pugnacious, which comes from the Latin verb *pugno*. If you stop there, you'll just be connecting a random Latin verb with a random English adjective. It's much more rewarding to know that pugno means to fight. Similarly, if you just blindly memorize that gregarious, egregious, and aggregate all come from the Latin noun grex (meaning flock), you might confuse their definitions! However, if you also learn that gregarious means sociable, egregious means shockingly bad, and aggregate means combining several elements into a whole, then you'll get much more out of your studies.

FUNFACTS AROUT NOCENTEREEEE

By Maliah Bricking

Everyone reading this knows at least something about Latin. After reading this article, though, many of you will now know about Latin's older cousin language, Ancient Greek. Here are some super fun and sort of random facts about the Ancient Greek language and culture:

The first democracy was created in Ancient Greece! Athens was the very first place to have a democracy. Specifically, it was a direct democracy, which means than every citizen got to vote to make decisions. However, only men were considered citizens, so women did not get to vote.



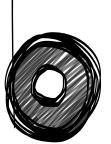


The Olympics were also created in Ancient Greece. The next time you watch the Olympics, remember that it originated with Greek dudes seeing who was stronger (and therefore better).

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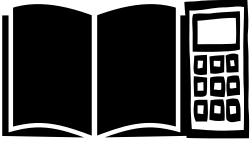
Juries in Ancient Greek city-states were made up of 500 citizens. They voted without discussion (imagine that!) and the majority won.

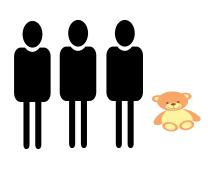




They created the yo-yo! The yo-yo is one of the oldest toys in the world and is still a popular toy in today's

Geometry was discovered by a Greek mathematician. When you solve your next proof, make sure to thank Euclid for his super fun math. discovery





At the age of seven, boys in Athens would go to school. In contrast, boys in Sparta started military training. Imagine starting training to fight in first grade!

According to myth, the reason why Athens is named after Athena and not Poseidon is because Poseidon gave the Athenians a spring that was too salty, which was no match for Athena's olive tree!



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New archaeological digs help map out Ancient Rome

By Matthew Warden

Recently, in quiet, rural Devon, England, archaeologists uncovered a butcher's shop and a center for crafts from the time of the Roman Empire. The finds suggest that the butchers worked alongside craftsmen who worked with deer antlers, leather, and textiles. This was not the only find in this area; recently, there were also several ancient Roman coins that had been uncovered. Archaeologists dug up an entire ditch full of the bones of cattle from about 1,700 years ago in the area that was thought to be the center of the town. There were also bits of deer antlers found that are believed to have been once used as awls, needles, combs, and hairpins.

Much more significant than the actual items discovered is the location of these discoveries. For a long time, it was believed that the Roman Empire stretched no further southwest in the British Isles than Exeter. This means that the boundaries of the Empire extended over 20 miles further than what was previously believed. This could also mean that there was even further southwest expansion in Britain by the Romans.

The location of these discoveries suggests that there was further southwest expansion in Britain by the Romans than previously thought.



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POETRY CORNER

A Letter From Persephone To Demeter

By Irene Calderon

Mother, Here's to the days you held me To the feeling of the sun on my back; Here's to the smiles and the laughter still ringing in my ears Now whispered echoes in an unceasing void

> Here's to our song, and our singing To our voices sailing across the sky Powerful enough to break the stars But not so much as to bind my soul

Here's to every happy memory Every sad one, and angry one too Not because of the pain they caused But because each one features you

Here's to every fight we've had To the times I threw myself into your arms; Here's to the I hate you's gone wasted All the I love you's hastily said

I KNOW THAT I WILL SOMEHOW FIND YOU As you have been finding me all these years; Even if it isn't in the way we desire I'll find you, and I'll see you again

Mother, if you're somehow reading this If Hades didn't break my dying heart, and gave this Mother, know that I'm with you forever Know that I can still feel your light

Which famous dreek hero are you?

Which damsel-in-distress needs the most help?

 \therefore The gal chained to a rock by her parents as a sacrifice to a sea monster (oof)

B. The girl who you took from her dad (bad) but now you won't give her to your mean friend (good?)

C. The girl stuck in a giant maze (but then you dump her so not for long!)

Do The girl being held by a river god (but that's a bad idea because eventually she'll poison you!)

If you had to, which evil monster would you fight?

 \therefore Lady with snakes for hair that can petrify you with a stone-cold gaze (pun intended)

B. Just another guy (but hey, he's a monster to you because he killed your bff!)

 \bigcirc Dude that has a head and tail of a bull but the body of a man (that goes to the gym)

 ${old D}_{{old O}}$ Snake with a lot of heads that grow back when you chop them

What's your best quality?

A Persistent

Bo Loyal

Clever

🕑 Courageous

TAKE THIS QUIZ TO FIND OUT!

Your dog ran away from home. What do you do?

 $\Delta_{\rm o}$ Use your intelligence to figure out where (s)he is most likely to go

 $igodot_{\mathcal{B}}$ Trust that (s)he will come back to you

G. Follow the clues that (s)he leaves behind - paw prints, broken bush branches, and the occasional dog hair on the ground

 \mathcal{D}_{0} Go on a ten step quest to retrieve him/her, only to learn that you didn't do two steps right and have to do two more

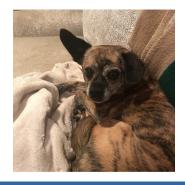
What's your mythological weapon of choice?

A mirror (to check your good looks and defeat ugly monsters)
 A cool set of armor (just don't lend it to your friends)
 A ball of yarn (but it's *magic* yarn)
 Your bare hands!!

IF YOU GET: MOSTLY A'S - PERSEUS! MOSTLY B'S - ACHILLES! MOSTLY C'S - THESEUS! MOSTLY D'S - HERCULES!

SEND US A RESPONSE OF WHAT YOU GOT AND IF YOU THINK IT IS ACCURATE TO BE FEATURED ON OUR INSTAGRAM!

Contributed by Connie Nelson





Atlas's Big Problem a minute ... please scrate mynose!? Hey can you Gl AS: 00 the perfect "/ittle boot" for your baby A LATIN TEACHER WALKS INTO A BAR... ARE YOU THE THIRD PRINCIPLE PART! BECAUSE YOU'RE PERFECT! б ð TAN Inni ani DR. PHILIUS GOD OF MARRIAGE COUNSELING Dish Soap Zeus + Hera I see we Ireally don't see Why I am here. CO I are making some progress name to list your multiple We're better O than Grease© affairs FREID



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