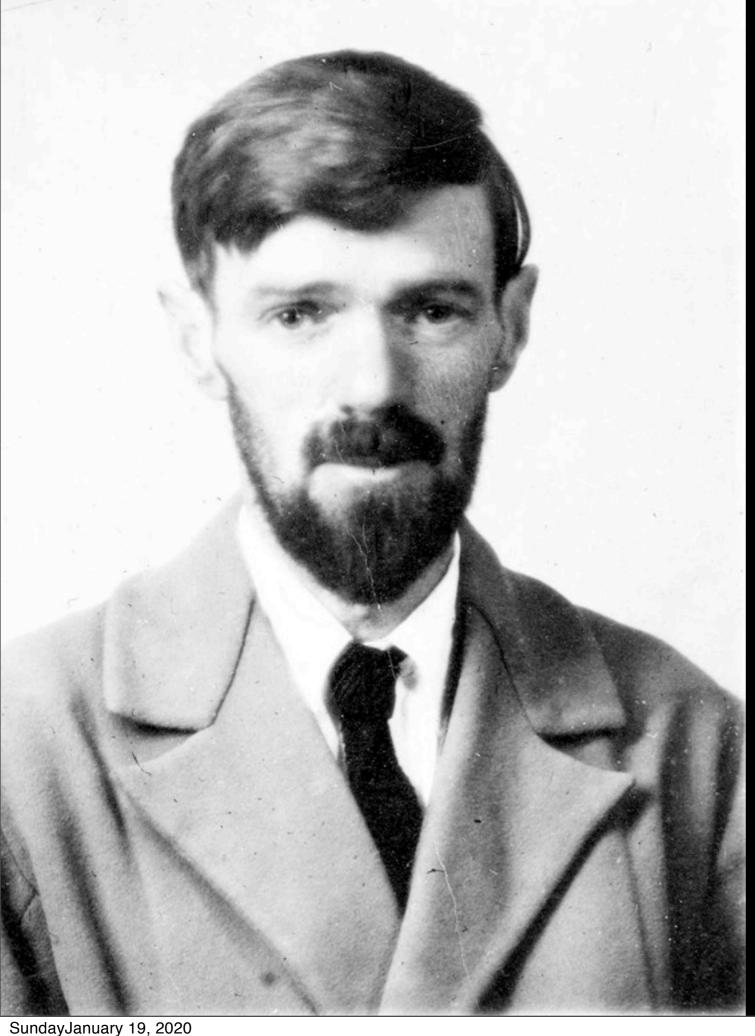
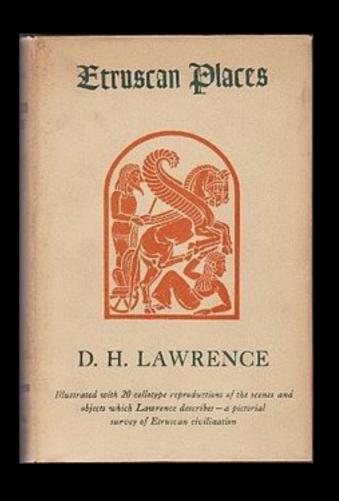


Although his book was a monumental breakthrough for Etruscology, Dennis never received the recognition he deserved. He had no university degree, thus the university community ignored him. The book was published in an edited 2nd editton and sold rather well and then many more editions. But he never gained any financial reward from it.



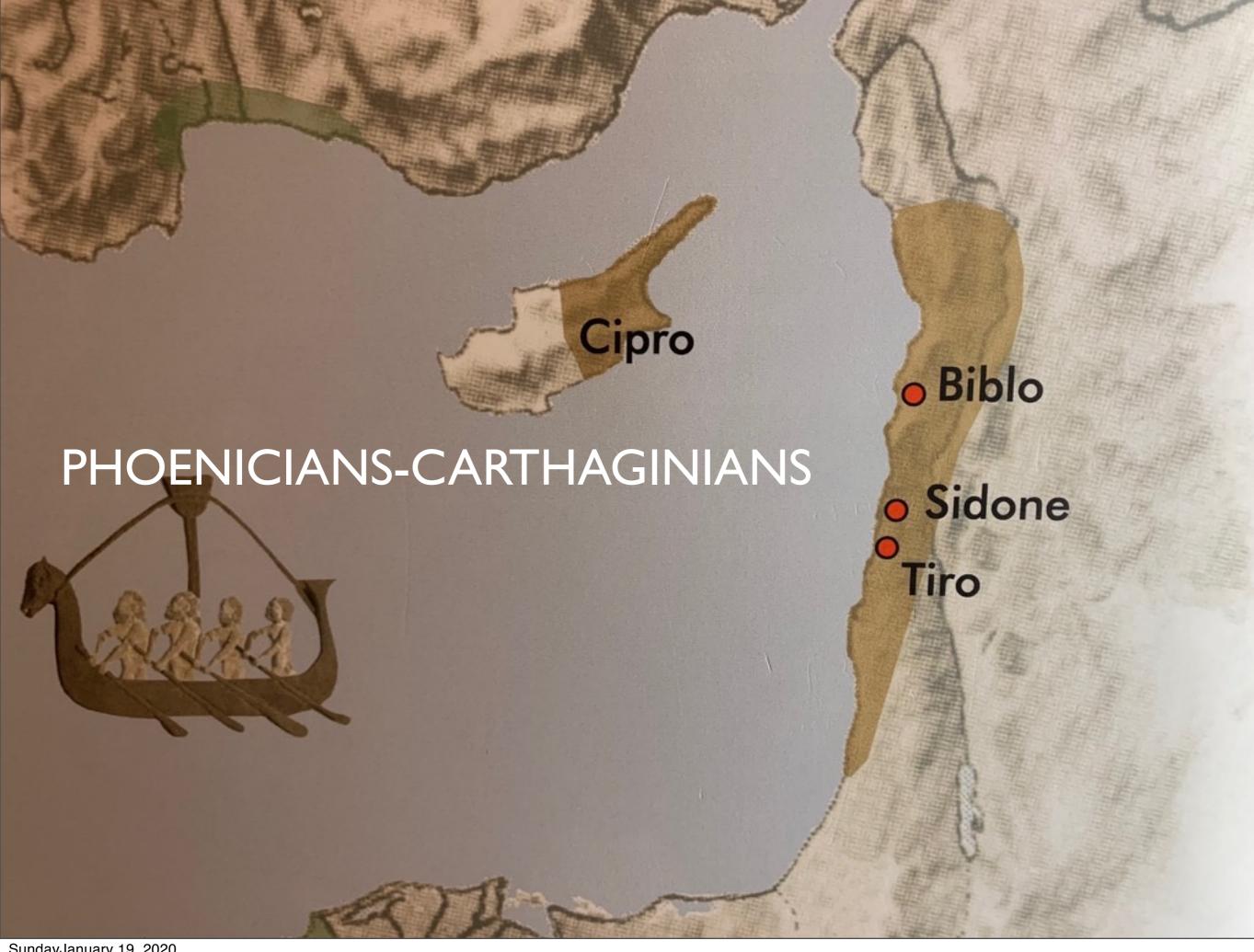
D. H. Lawrence, 1885-1940

Sketches of Etruscan **Places** 1932











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ike many other Etruscan towns, Cerveteri rose on a wide plain with steep tuffaceous slopes, bounded by two rivers. The present inhabited area occupies only part of the ancient site, about 150 hectares wide and surrounded by wide necropolises, stretching over the Sorbo hill and the two plateaus of the Banditaccia, to the north-west, and Monte Abatone, to the south-east. On the coast were the ports of Pyrgi (Santa Severa), the most important, along with Alsium (Palo) and Punicum (Santa Marinella).

Between the 7th and 4th centuries BC, Cerveteri was the most important Etruscan town, mentioned in the ancient tradition mostly for its maritime trade: it exported raw materials such as metal and allume from the nearby mines on the Tolfa Mountains, and locally produced craftwork, in bronze and ceramic, while from the Near East, Greece, and the coast towns of Minor Asia it imported refined goods, such as decorated pottery,

bronzes, ivory objects, amphorae for the transportation of wine, etc.

Cerveteri also had a leading role in the events involving the heart of the Tyrrhenian area, with the Greeks from Phocea facing the Etruscans allied with the Phoenicians, which in 540 BC culminated in the battle of the Sardinian Sea, the outcome of which was uncertain. In the 6th century BC Cerveteri seemed to have absorbed all the cultural influences from the Greek world more than any other Etruscan town: a lot of craftsmen set up their workshops in Cerveteri, like the Ionian potters who fled from their mother country in Eastern Greece after the Persian conquest, in the second half of the same century.

In the mid-4th century, thanks to its good relationships with Rome due to the support offered on the occasion of the Gallic invasion, the town obtained citizenship without the right to vote (civitas sine suffragio). In 273

BC, after a rebellion, Cerveteri lost its citizenship and its leadership as a coast town.





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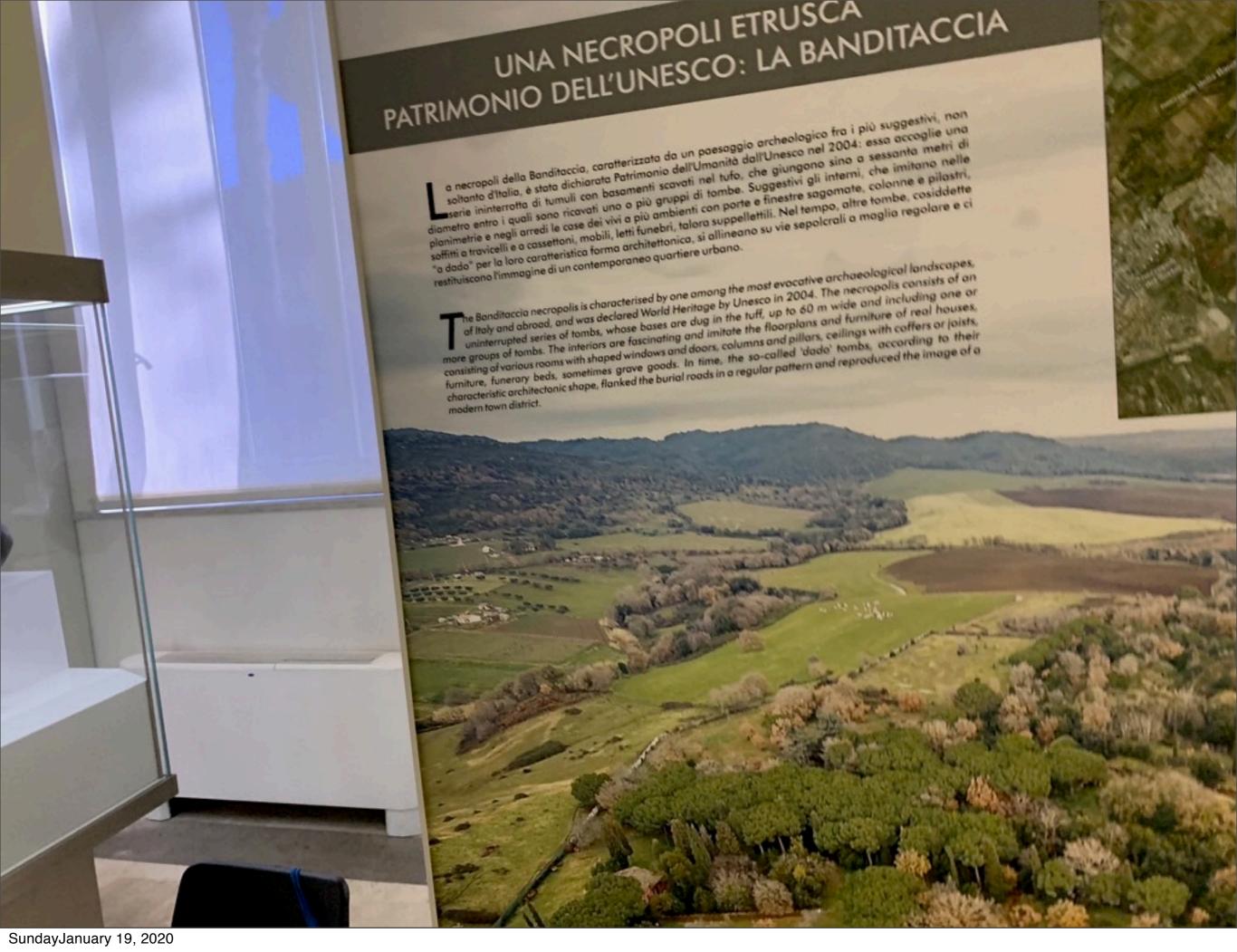
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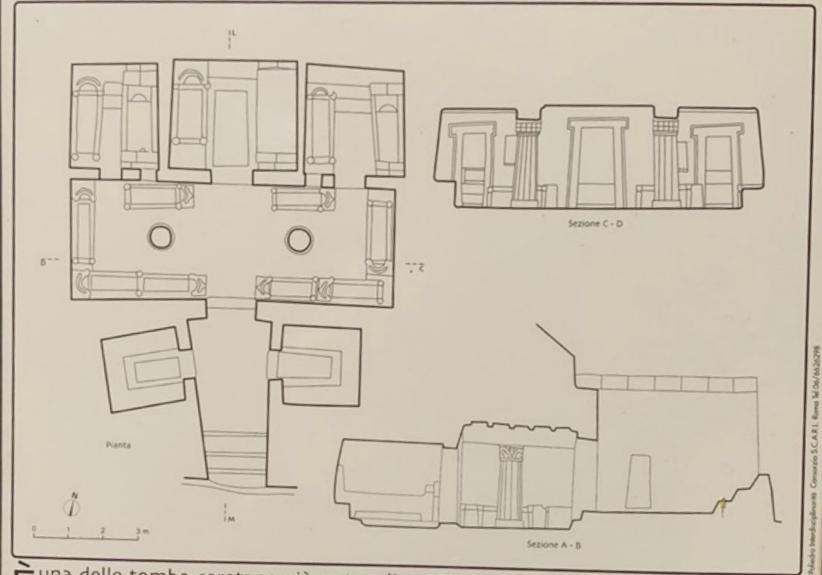


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Tomba dei Capitelli Prima metà VI sec. a.C.

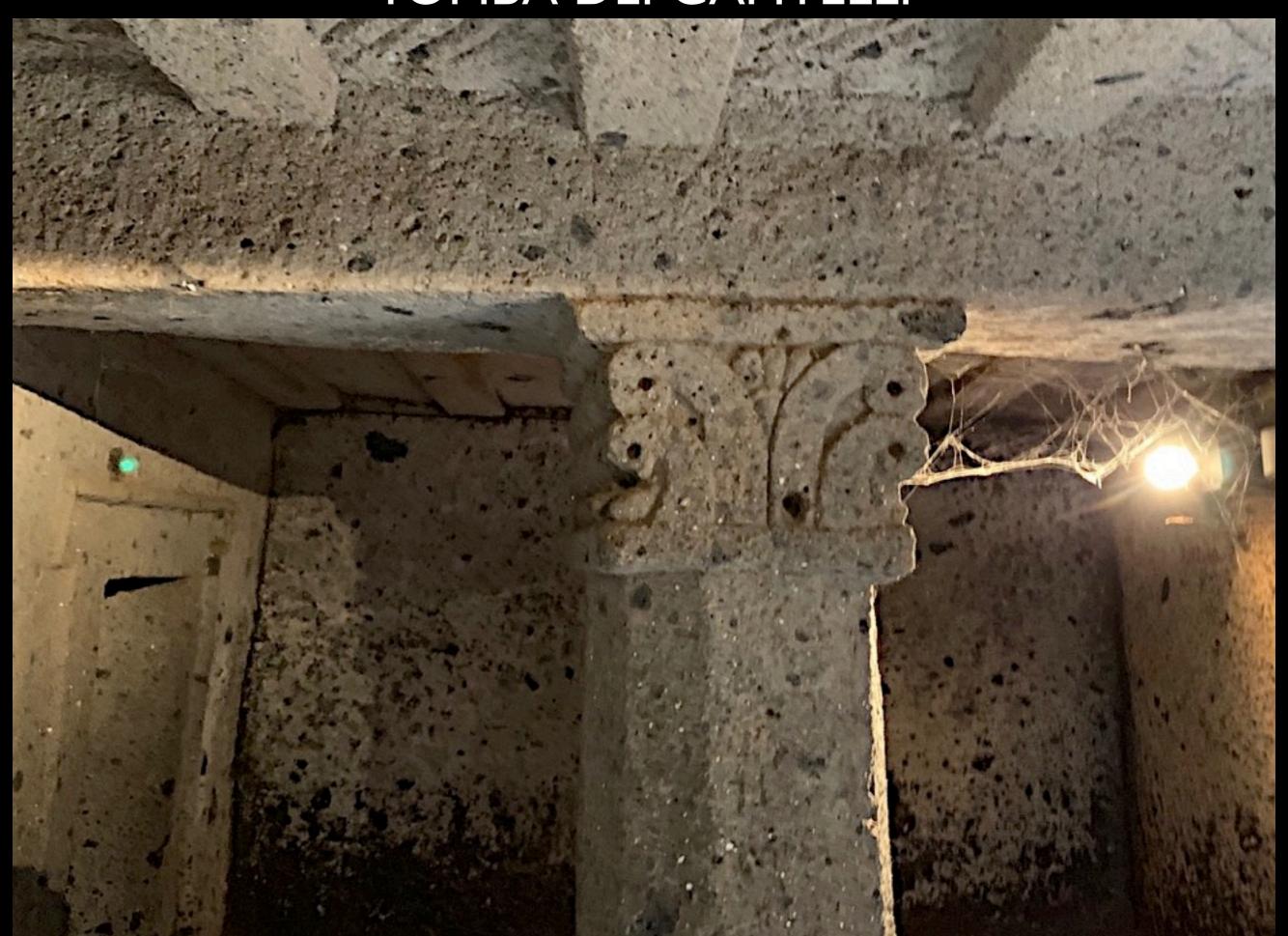


una delle tombe ceretane più notevoli, caratterizzata da breve dromos, due pic-Cole stanzette laterali, e si articola in una grande sala longitudinale con banchine e due colonne poligonali sostenenti capitelli di tipo eolico, con tetto piano che riproduce fedelmente la struttura a travi di legno e incannucciato ad imitazione delle abitazioni dei vivi. Sul fondo si aprono le tre stanze destinate alle sepolture, con finestrelle tra le porte e due banchine per ciascuna camera.

This is one of Cerveteri's most remarkable tombs; it features a short "dromos" and I two small side rooms and has a large longitudinal chamber with platform ledges and two polygonal columns supporting capitals in the Aeolian style; the flat roof is a faithful reproduction of the wooden beam and thatch structures used in the homes of the living. Beyond the back wall are the three burial chambers, with small windows between the doors and two ledges in each of the chambers.



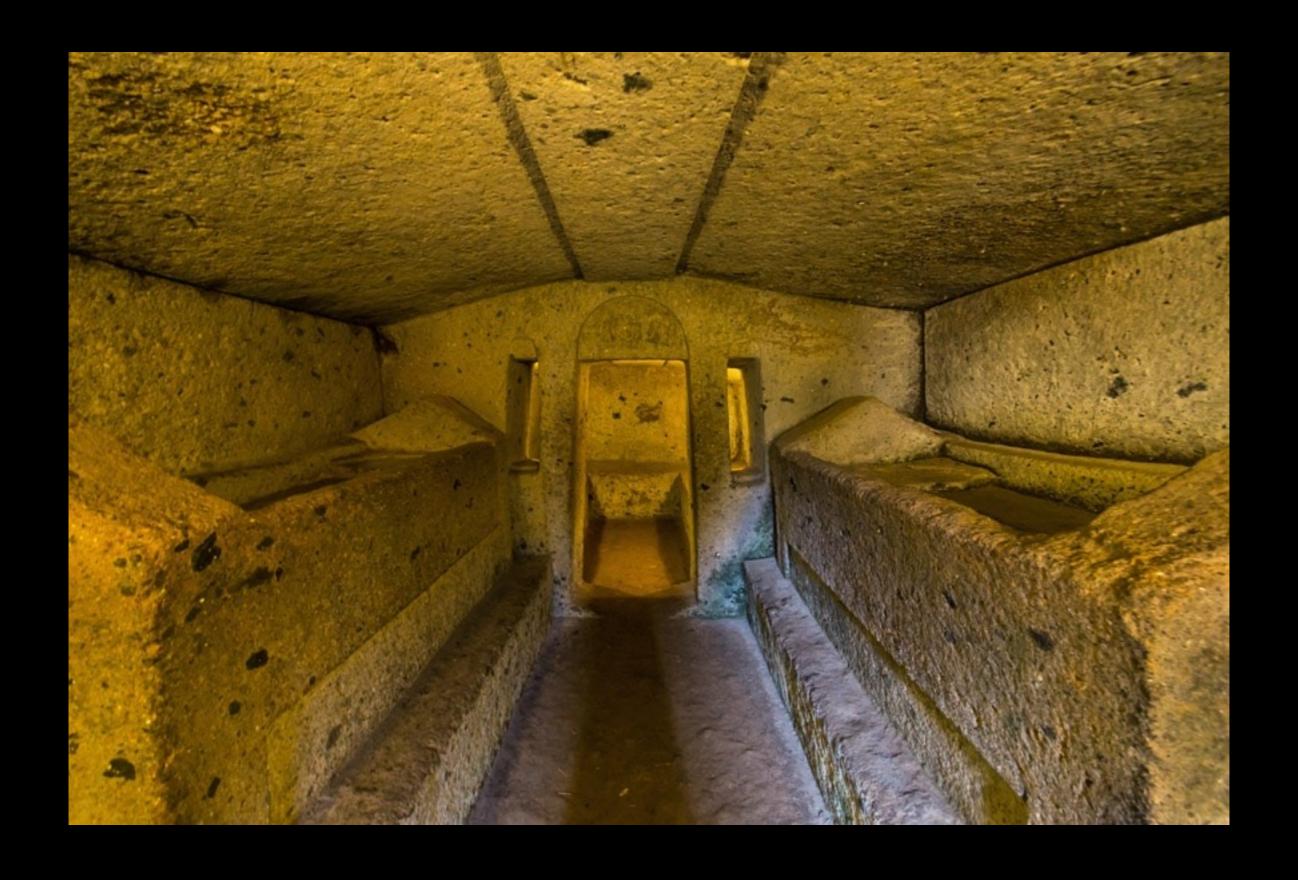








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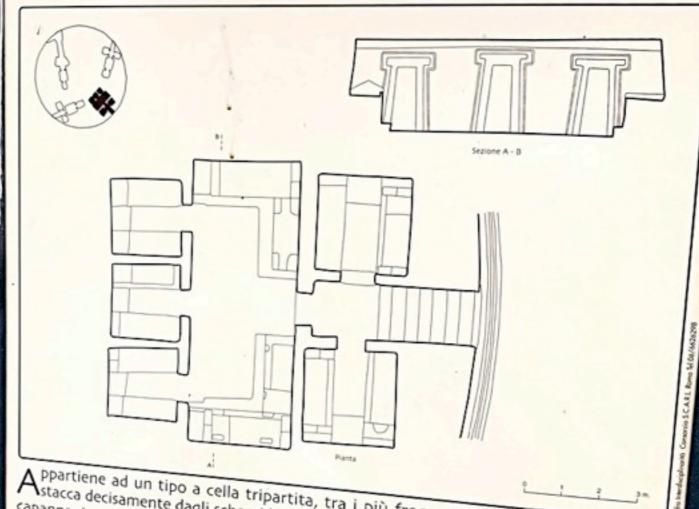


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Tomba dei Vasi Greci

Metà VI seca.C.



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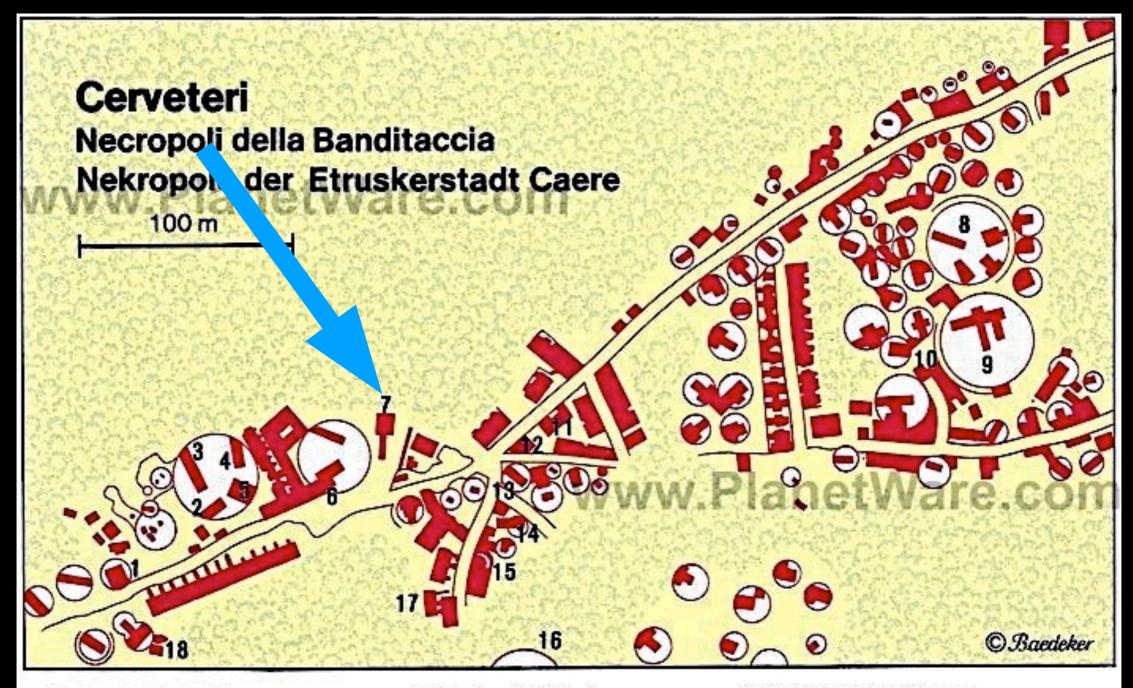


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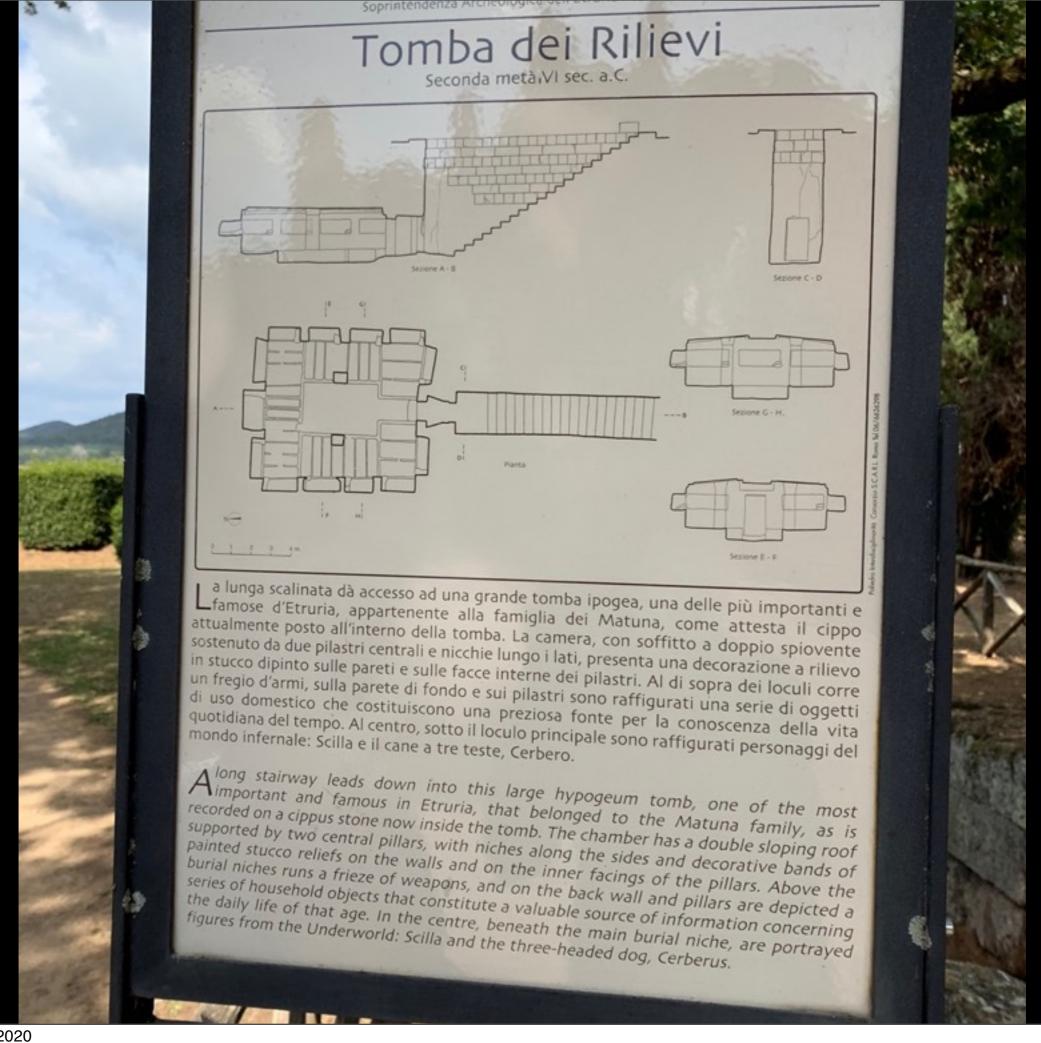
Tomb of the Reliefs



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sostenuto da due pilastri centrali e nicchie lungo i lati, presenta una decorazione a rilievo in stucco dipinto sulle pareti e sulle facce interne dei pilastri. Al di sopra dei loculi corre un fregio d'armi, sulla parete di fondo e sui pilastri sono raffigurati una serie di oggetti di uso domestico che costituiscono una preziosa fonte per la conoscenza della vita quotidiana del tempo. Al centro, sotto il loculo principale sono raffigurati personaggi del mondo infernale: Scilla e il cane a tre teste, Cerbero.

Along stairway leads down into this large hypogeum tomb, one of the most important and famous in Etruria, that belonged to the Matuna family, as is recorded on a cippus stone now inside the tomb. The chamber has a double sloping roof supported by two central pillars, with niches along the sides and decorative bands of painted stucco reliefs on the walls and on the inner facings of the pillars. Above the burial niches runs a frieze of weapons, and on the back wall and pillars are depicted a series of household objects that constitute a valuable source of information concerning figures from the Underworld: Scilla and the three-headed dog, Cerberus.





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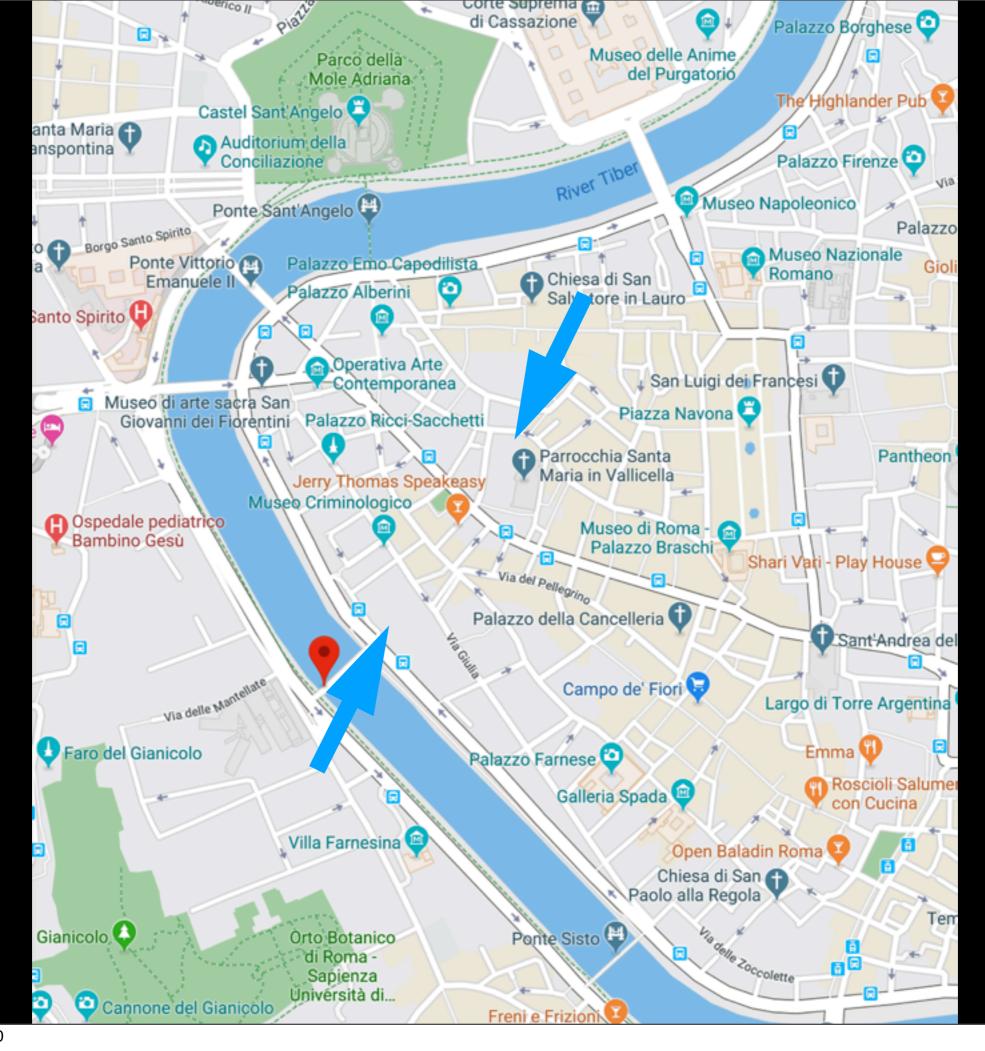


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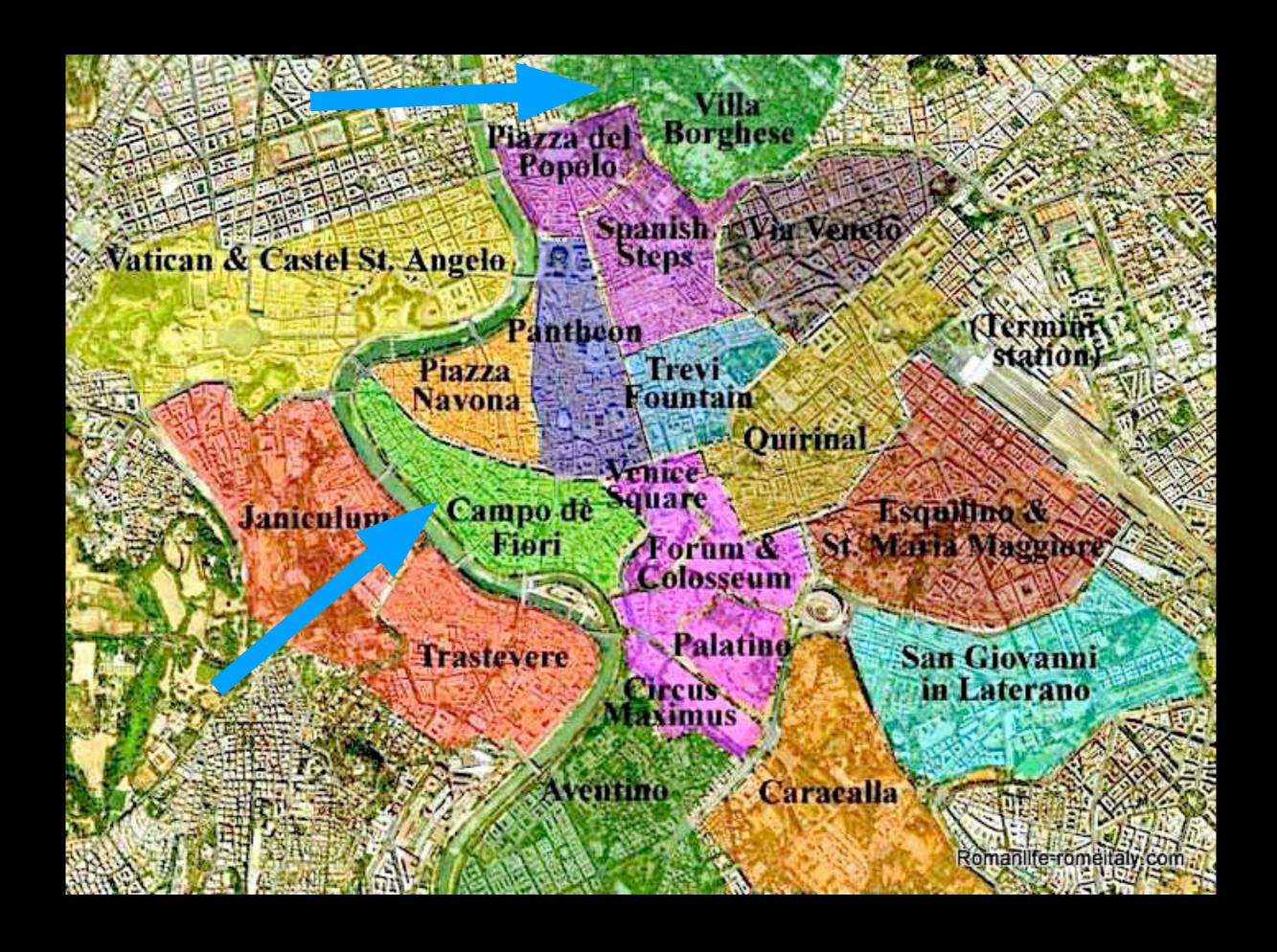




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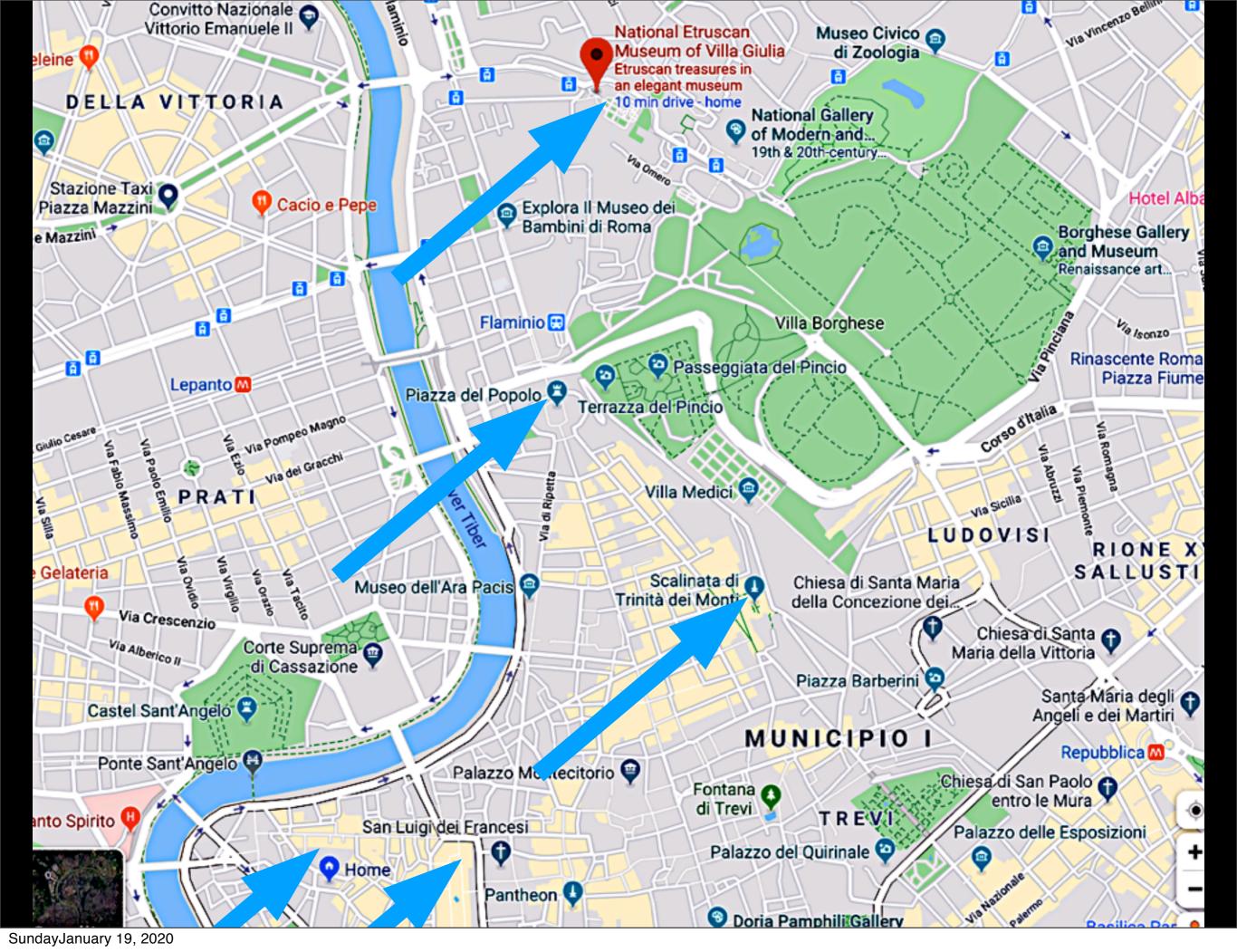








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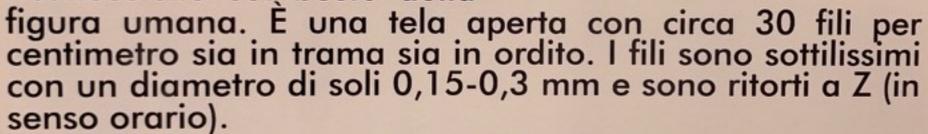


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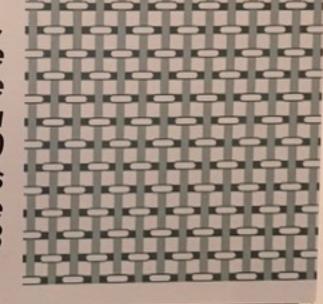
AVVOLGERE L'URNA CINERARIA A VULCI

Il cinerario in bronzo era stato ricoperto da una tela in fibra vegetale, forse lino. A rivelarlo è quella piccola presenza di tessuto ben riconoscibile sul busto della



WRAPPING CINERARY URN AT VULCI

The cinerary urn was wrapped in textile, possibly made of linen. The textile fragments are clearly discernible on one of the human figures. The textile is a balanced open tabby with ca. 30 threads per cm in each system. It is woven with a single z-twisted (clockwise direction) yarn approximately 0.15-0.3 mm in diameter.





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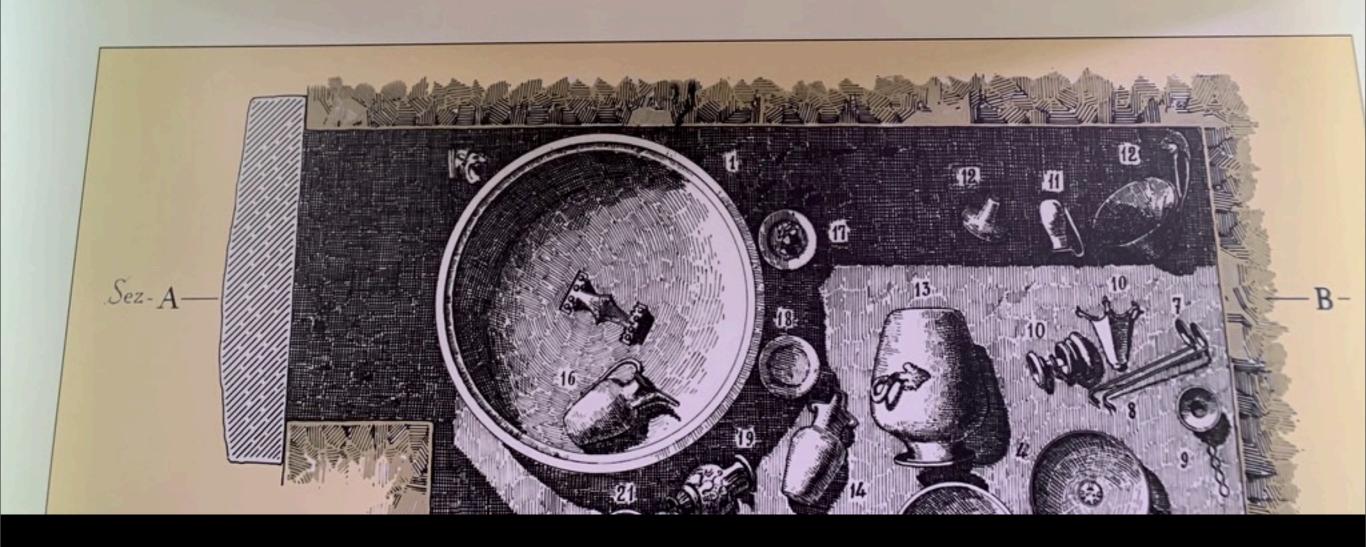


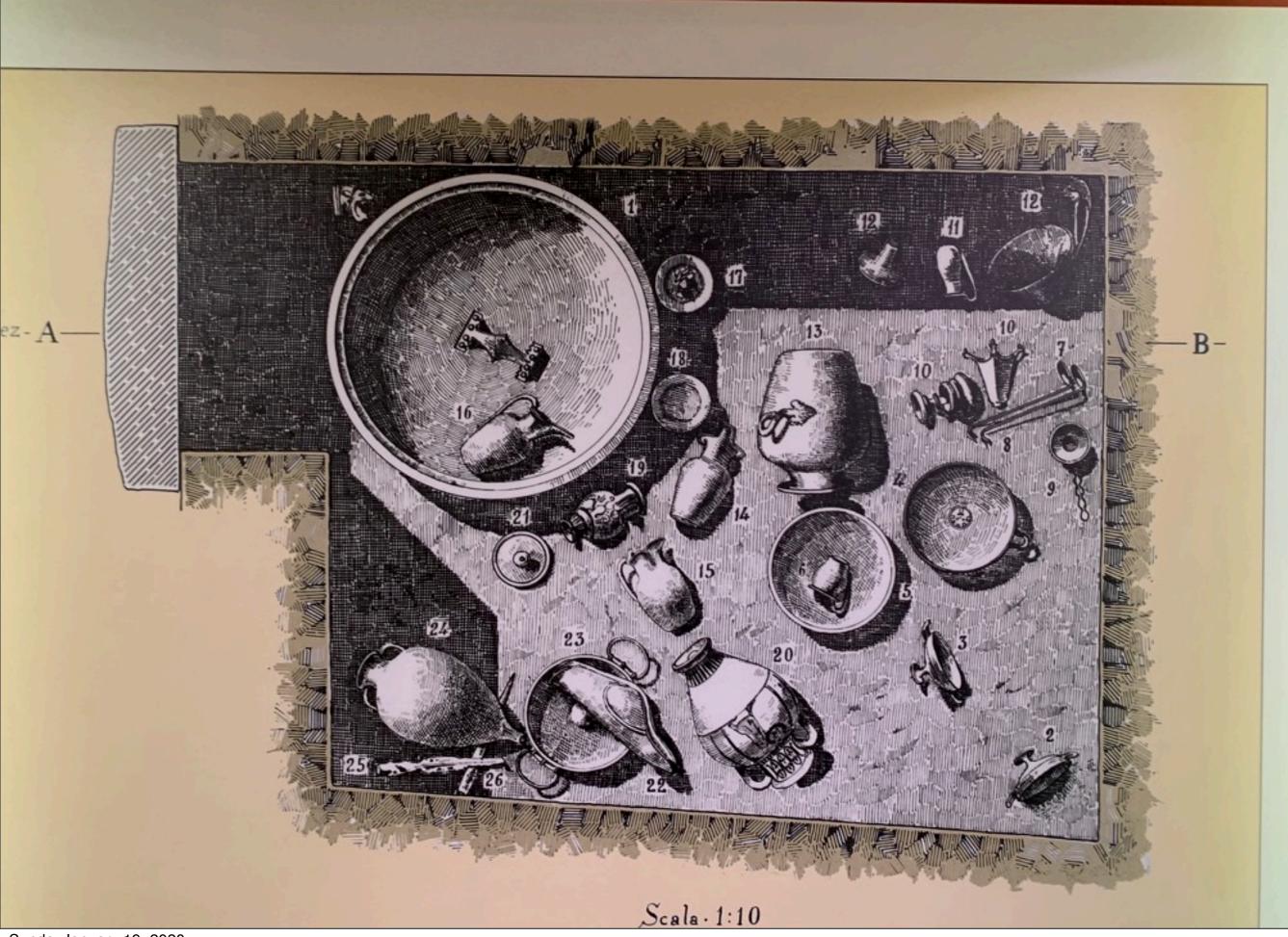
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UN GUERRIERO ARMATO DI TUTTO PUNTO







THE MICALI PAINTER EQUAL OF ANY GREEK **VASE** PAINTER



versatile Etruscan artist who worked in Vulci at the end of the 6th century, the Micali Painter competes with the great Attic masters. His vases are characterised by a deep lonic taste with decorative scenes connected to the funerary world, along with fantastic creatures bordering between the world of the living and the world of the dead.

A prolific decorator of different types of vases, also exported to other Etruscan towns, he seemed to be devoted exclusively to black figured pottery, a style preferred also by other artists of his times or those belonging to the same workshop. A chamber tomb discovered in 1998 bears his name: belonging to a wealthy lady, possibly with a passion for music, her grave goods include a spoon instrument (plectrum) and three of the painter's monumental vases. The work of one of his disciples is an amphora from a tomb found at Poggio Mengarelli, of the hollow type, used to store the ashes of a young woman cremated together with a dove.



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iscovered in 1873, this tomb consists of a wide square chamber carved in the rock, with span-ceiling and relief tie-beam; it contained burial beds which still show the housing for the feet in the pavement.

The ceiling as well as the walls are fully decorated: the main beam reproduces rosettes and ivy sprays, while on the slopes is a chessboard motif recalling a carpet; on the walls there is a great figured frieze overlapping a wainscot with dolphins darting over a rippled sea.

The scene on the back wall and partially on the lateral ones represents a wide canopy a sort of light curtain - under which is a monumental catafalque along with two conical hats adorned with wreaths placed on double pillows next to light cloaks. A banquet is reproduced on the sides, enlivened by musicians; the guests, grouped according to their sex, are lying on mattresses and wrapped in embroidered blankets. Outside the canopy open air games and dances are portrayed: boxing matches, cart races, dances with weapons, discus throwing and acrobatic horse-riding exercises.

Early interpretations of the paintings identified the catafalque as the funeral bed of the deceased wealthy couple to which the tomb belonged and around which the banquet and funeral games took place.





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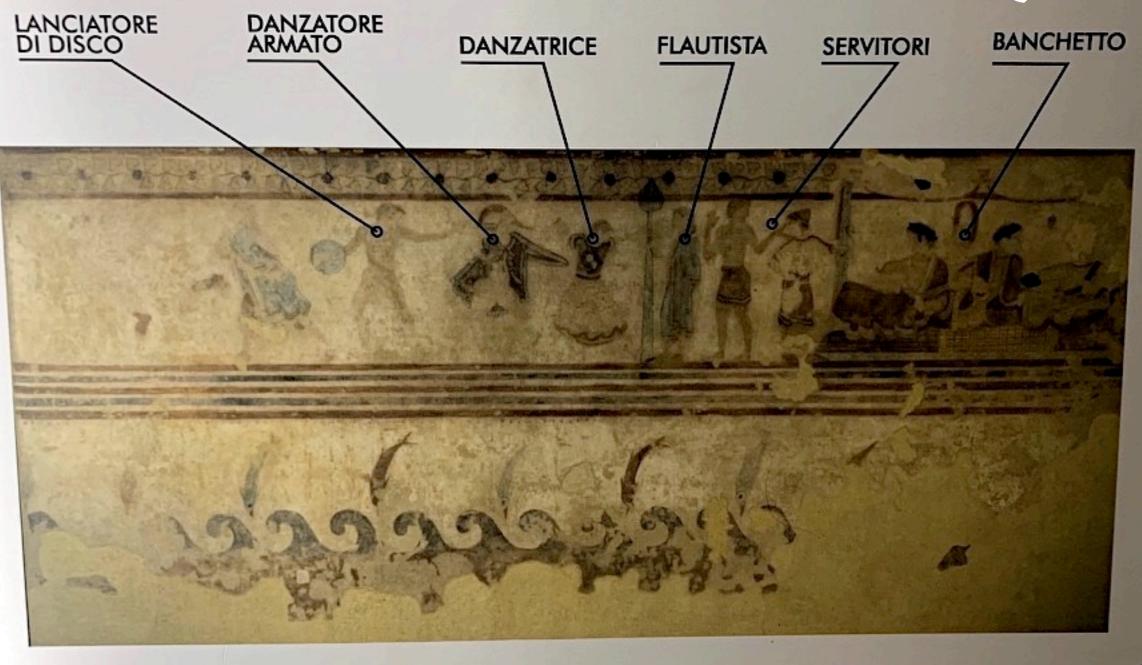


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particolarmente adatta ad un sepolcro, essendo questi destinati ad entrare ed uscire dall'Ade, e dunque a varcare quotidianamente la soglia tra vita mortale ed immortalità.

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