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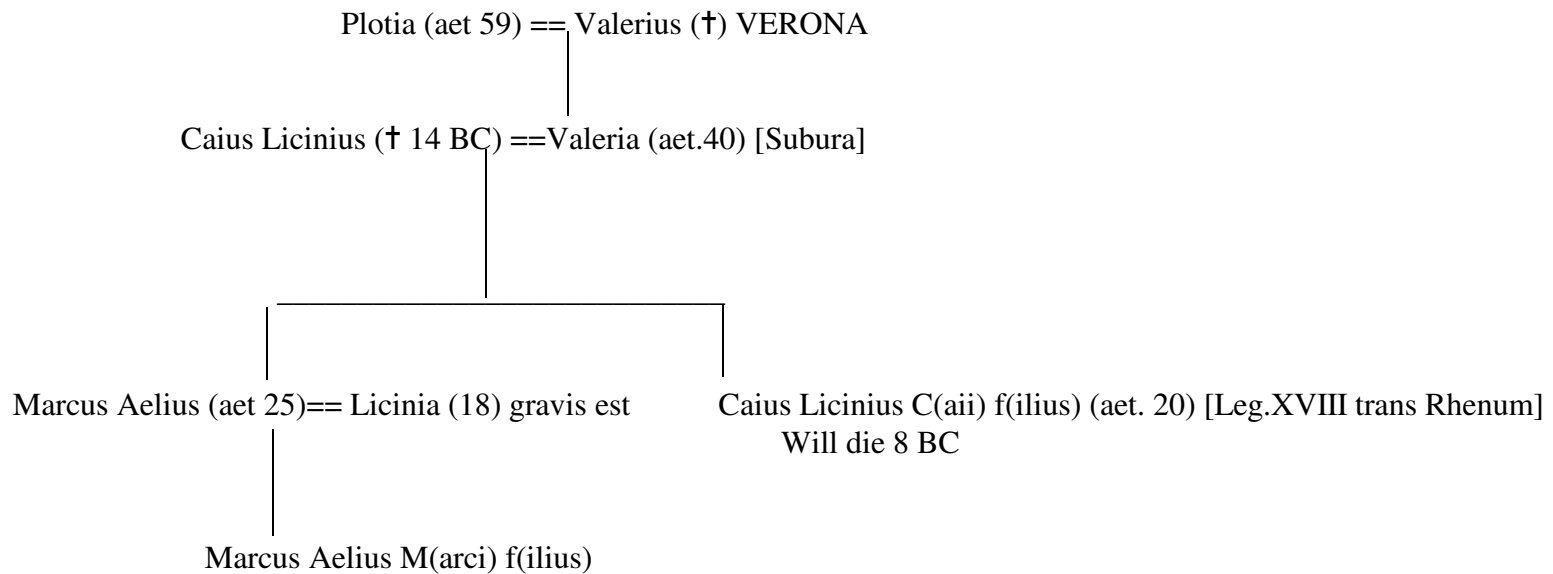
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Back story → When Licinius died in Verona, about 2 years before story begins, Valeria, since she could not own land, and since Licinius f. did not want to farm, sold the farm and came to Rome to make her way in the big city. As she was a good cook she opened a thermopolium selling wine drinks and snacks. She put most of her money into the shop, especially its location, renting near the forum to attract the best trade. She is getting by but not rich. She is “pauper.” As a result, and to save more money, she lives in one of the lesser attractive parts of the Subura. Not being able to afford a lower floor apartment (near the latrine and safer in case of fire) she lives in the middle reaches of the *insula*. She is assisted in the shop by her daughter Licinia, and Flavia, a Gallic slave, Flavia. For amusement, and to attract customers, they purchased a small monkey whom they named Socrates as a joke. They also try to sell small items that the son in law, Aelius, makes in his shop.

Licina, her daughter, was about of marriage age when she came to Rome and soon met a *faber* named Marcus Aelius who is slightly older than she. They married a year ago and she is now in the late stages of pregnancy. Aelius is a *faber*, running a small metals craft shop on the ground level of the insula where they live. He makes small objects for other shops and does repairs.

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