they found her sitting by lamplight in the centre of the house among her slave women, dedicated to her wool. (1.57.9)

Here in the persons of the princesses we see the Roman women of the archaic period, socializing at a sumptuous banquet with their friends (*in convivio luxuque cum aequalibus*). As their husbands sat around the army camp drinking wine and boasting about their wives, so too did the women sit together in one of their homes sharing food, wine, and conversation. This Livy condemns as 'wasting time' (*tempus terentes*), although he makes no comment regarding the productivity of the princes' time, spent 'growing heated with wine' (*incaluerant vino*) and making bets on whose wife was better than whose. The winner, of course, was the husband of Lucretia, the prototype of the new woman of the Republican *polis*, who, while her husband drank wine with his friends, sat soberly among her slave women, 'dedicated to her wool' (*deditam lanae*).

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