

Virgil : Aeneid IX: Nisus and Euryalus (176-196, 308-323, 339-356, 367-445)

A Running Vocabulary prepared by Terry Bird

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Nisus erat portae custos, acerrimus armis,

porta - gate custos custodis (m) - guard, guardian acer acris acre (superl. -)
acerrimus) - keen, eager, fierce, bold arma (n.pl) - arms

Hyrtacles, comitem Aeneae quem miserat Ida

Hyrtacles Hyrcidae - son of Hyrtacus comes comitis (m) - companion
Aeneas Aeneae - Aeneas

venatrix iaculo celerem levibusque sagittis,

venatrix venatrix (f) - huntress iaculum - javelin
celer celeris celere - swift, fast levis - light sagitta - arrow

et iuxta comes Euryalus, quo pulchrior alter

iuxta (adv.) - close by, 'next to him' pulcher pulchra pulchrum - fine, handsome
alter alterius - one (of the two), another, somebody else, other person

non fuit Aeneadum Troiana neque induit arma,

Aeneades Aeneadae - companions of Aeneas (in the pl. - *Aeneadum* is a genitive form)
Troianus (adj.) - Trojan induo (3), indui, indutum - put on

ora puer prima signans intonsa iuventa.

os oris (n) - face, mouth primus - first, early signo (1) - mark
intonsus - unshaven iuventa - youth

his amor unus erat pariterque in bella ruebant;

his is possessive dative - 'they had...' amor amoris (m) - love pariter - side by side
ruo (3), rui, rutum - rush

tum quoque communi portam statione tenebant.

communis - shared statio stationis (f) - a body of men acting as guards, an armed
post, picket

Nisus ait: 'dine hunc ardorem mentibus addunt,

aio (defective verb) - say -ne - introduces a direct question di is nom. and
voc. pl. of deus - god ardor ardoris (m) - heat, passion, extreme enthusiasm
mens mentis (f) - mind addo (3), addidi, additum - add, attach, assign something to
an - or quisque - each, an individual (suus commonly attracted in position next to
it - 'each.....his own') fio, fieri, factus sum - become dirus - dire, terrible, dread,
fierce cupidus cupido (f) - desire, craving, passion

Euryale, an sua cuique deus fit dira cupido?

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