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Wet-nursing contract (*synchoresis*)

*Agreement proper*

... |<sup>5</sup> ... Dionysia agrees that she will nurse and suckle the baby outside (of its own house) at her own house in Alexandria for twenty months from Tybi of the present third year of Emperor Caesar Vespasianus Augustus, the slave boy of his that |<sup>10</sup> Lucius Vetranius Philostratos entrusted to her, a foundling who is not yet weaned(?) whose name is ..., for a wage (to cover) the milk and the nursing including the oil ... and Dionysia has received from ... |<sup>15</sup> ... each month ... drachmas ... Dionysia from Lucius from hand to hand (and) from the house (*in cash*) ... to nurse him ... thirty(?) silver drachmas ... seven- drachmas ... |<sup>20</sup> ... when she is regularly paid the rest of the monthly wages, she agrees to make her ... not spoiling her milk nor having sex with a man nor becoming pregnant again ... nor suckling another child in addition (to this one) ... |<sup>25</sup> ... except for obvious wear and tear and not to abandon the nursing within the time (of the contract) ... |<sup>30</sup> ... which she received and if she receives more ... plus a 50% (penalty) as well as the damages and expenses and ... silver drachmas as a fine (*to the state*), |<sup>35</sup> while the right to execute (the claim) belongs to Philostratos from Dionysia and Ision and from whichever one he chooses and from all their belongings just as if by virtue of a legal decision. And when Dionysia performs everything, Lucius Philostratos (agrees that he) will not take away the child within the |<sup>40</sup> time (of the contract) and will supply to her the monthly wet-nursing wages or else that he too will pay the same fine ...