

simile comparing it to a physical assault is not common.² That Vergil is borrowing from Apollonius here seems certain.³

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² Even Vergil's hailstorm at *Aen.* 9.668–71 is less focused and part of a broader simile representing turmoil and disorder. See too *Aen.* 10.803–10 and *Georgics* 4.80. Homeric 'parallels' are not relevant. See e.g. *Il.* 12.156–61, 278–89.

³ That Vergil knew well and used the *Argonautica* does not need demonstration. Cf. his similes: that at *Aen.* 6.453–4 is borrowed from Apollonius 4.1479–80; that at *Aen.* 6.309–10 owes more to Apollonius' at 4.216–17 than to Homer's at *Il.* 6.146–7, and that at 6.707–9 owes more to Apollonius 1.879–92 than to *Il.* 2.87–89. Apollonius' influence on Vergil is the topic of a forthcoming book by Dr Damien Nelis.

GREEK FEMININES IN *-IAS*: AN OVIDIAN PREDILECTION

The ordinary Latin words for 'Ionian' are *Ionicus* and *Ionius*. Ovid does not use the former at all, and except for one problematical instance¹ applies the latter only to the Ionian Sea (cf. *OLD* s.v.). Copyists, editors, and lexicographers, however, credit him, and him only, with *Ioniacus*, supposedly attested in two passages of almost identical wording:

inter Ioniacas calathum tenuisse puellas
diceris (Her. 9.73–4)

inter Ioniacas calathum tenuisse puellas
creditur (AA 2.219–20)

On the first of these passages modern editions are reticent. Ehwald noted '*Inter Ioniacas* codd. omnes', a rash assertion duly refuted by Dörrie, who reported *inter et* from two thirteenth-century MSS.² An early editor substituted *Maeonias*, which remained the vulgate until ousted by Heinsius *filis*, who restored *Ioniacas*, with the rider 'Forte *inter Iōniadas*', which in Burman's slightly amended version of his note became 'Sed verius puto, *inter Iōniadas*'. In the *Ars* the MSS are divided between *inter ioniacas* and *ionicas* (or *-ias*) *inter*.³

That what Ovid wrote in both places was *inter Ioniadas* does not seem to me to require elaborate demonstration. *Ioniacus* is, as Ehwald noted, unexampled in Greek, whereas *Ἰωνιάς* is impeccably attested in Nicander (fr. 74.4 Gow–Scholfield). As Ehwald also pointed out (though he mistakenly credited him with the conjecture), Quicherat in his invaluable *Thesaurus Poeticus*⁴ quotes *Her.* 9.73 with *inter Ioniadas*. That this reading still figures in no text, so far as I am aware, of the *Heroides*, and did not figure in the text of the *Ars* until 1994, reflects no credit on Ovid's editors—*habetis confitentem reum*—but this note would not have been worth writing merely to make that point. What invites attention is the use made by Ovid of the sort of word of which these passages, correctly restored, offer an example: Greek feminine names in *-ias*. Even when the greater bulk of his work is taken into account (a factor partly

¹ On 'Ionian Janus' see Bömer on *Met.* 14.334.

² As all too often, his report is incomplete. I suspect that they read *inter et ionias*, as does e.g. Camb. U.L. Add 7221, likewise of the thirteenth century.

³ In his note on that passage, however, Heinsius recanted his earlier opinion and proposed *inter Mygdonidas* in both places.

⁴ To which, as I have remarked before, editors, especially French editors, of Latin poetical texts would do well to pay more attention.

offset by the almost total absence of these words from the poems of exile), he can be seen to exploit this resource to a markedly greater degree than his predecessors and contemporaries.⁵ If one compares the incidence of such names in -ιάς in the Hellenistic poets,⁶ there emerges a similar predilection on the part of Callimachus and Apollonius.

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Ἀβαντιάς Call. *H.* 4.20; Ἀκτιάς* Call. fr. 63.12 Pf., Ἀμνισιάς Call. *H.* 3.162; Ἀντριάς Theodoridas, *AP* 6.224.3, 6 (*HE* 3526, 3529); Ἀρακυνθιάς Rhianus 56 p. 17 Powell; Ἀρητιάς A.R. 2.966, 1031, 1047; Ἀχαιιάς* Call. *H.* 4.100, 5.13, A.R. 1.284, Theoc. *Id.* 18.20, 24.76 (also Hom. *Il.* 5.422, 424, *Od.* 2.101, etc.); Ἀχερουσιάς A.R. 2.354; Δηλιάς Call. *H.* 4.256, 296, 323 (also *H. Hymn* 3.157, Eur. *Hec.* 462, *HF* 687, *IT* 1235, *Ion* 167); Διονυσιάς Call. fr. 75.41 (also Pratinas 708.2, Eur. *HF* 892); Δυτιάς A.R. fr. 10.2 p. 7 Powell; Ἐλικωνιάδες* Theoc. *AP* 6.336.2 (*HE* 3393), Ant. Sid. *AP* 7.14.8 (*HE* 243) (also Hes. *Theog.* 1, *Op.* 658, Pind. *I.* 2.34, *Paeon* 7b.4); Ἡλιάδες* A.R. 4.604, 625 (cf. Hes. fr. 311);⁷ Θεσιάς* Theoc. *Id.* 22.5 (also Aesch. *Cho.* 605, Eur. *Hel.* 133, *IA* 49); Θοαντιάς A.R. 1.637, 712; Θυνιάς A.R. 2.485; Ἰάς Lobo, *SH* 509.1; Ἰκιάς Call. fr. 185 (?); Ἰλιάς (= 'Trojan')* Theoc. *Id.* 22.220, Tymnes, *AP* 6.151.2 (*HE* 3601) (also Aesch. *Ag.* 453, Eur. *passim* [18×]); Ἰσθμιάς Call. fr. 59.7 (also Pind. *O.* 13.33, *N.* 2.9, *I.* 8.4); Ἰτωνιάς Call. *H.* 6.74, Theodoridas, *AP* 9.743.2 (*HE* 3577); Ἰφιάς A.R. 1.312; Ἰωνιάς* Nicand. fr. 74.4;⁸ Κουριάς Hedylus, *SH* 459.4; Κρηνιάς anon. *SH* 978.15; Κυθηριάς Ant. Sid. *AP* 6.206.10 (*HE* 207), Gaetul. *AP* 6.190.1 (*FGE* 181); Κυνθιάς Call. *H.* 2.61, *AP* 6.121.1 (*Epigr.* 62.1 Pf., *HE* 1321); Κωλιάς Call. fr. 341 (*Hec.* fr. 92 Hollis) (also Ar. *Nub.* 52, *Lys.* 2); Λειβηθριάς anon. *SH* 993.7; Λημνιάς A.R. 3.1206; Λητωιάς Call. *H.* 3.83; Μακριάς A.R. 1.1112; Ξυνιάς A.R. 1.68; Ὀλυμπιάδες Lobo, *SH* 520.2 (also Hom. *Il.* 2.491, *H. Hymn* 4.450, Hes. *passim*, Alc. 3.1, Solon 13.51 West, Pind. *passim*. Soph. *Aj.* 882, Ar. *Av.* 782); Παλλαντιάς* Call. fr. 584†,⁹ Philip, *AP* 6.247.7 (*GP* 2787); Πελασγιάς* Call. *H.* 5.4, fr. 66.9; Πελλιάς Euphor. *SH* 414.12; Πελωριάς Theodoridas, *AP* 6.224.4 (*HE* 3527), Archestr. *SH* 171.3; Πηλιάς* A.R. 1.386 etc., Maced. 11 p. 138 Powell, Sotad. 4a p. 239 Powell (also Hom. *Il.* 16.143 etc., Eur. *Alc.* 915 etc.); Πληιάδες* A.R. 3.226, Arat. *Phaen.* 255, 1066, 1085, Nicand. *Ther.* 122 (also Hom. *Od.* 5.272, Hes. *Op.* 383 etc.); Ποντιάς Parthen. *SH* 642; Παριάς Call. fr. 21.10; Σηπιάς A.R. 1.582 (also Eur. *Andr.* 1266); Τευμησιάς *lyr. adesp.* 10.6 p. 187 Powell; Τιτανιάς Call. fr. 6; Φθιάς A.R. 155 (also Eur. *Andr.* 119, 861, 925 etc.); Χησιάς Call. *H.* 3.228.

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Αχαιοιάς* Ov. *Her.* 3.71; Acheloias Ov. *Met.* 14.87; Actias* Virg. *G.* 4.463; Aetias† Ov. *Met.* 7.9, 326; Alpheias Ov. *Met.* 5.487; Appias Ov. *AA* 1.82, 3.452, *Rem.* 660;¹⁰

⁵ It is particularly notable that apart from the common *Pleias* no examples are found in Propertius, who was by no means reluctant to exploit the sound of exotic Greek names.

⁶ From earlier poets I have recorded only names attested in Hellenistic texts. My guess is that a search for other examples would not produce a very rich haul. Euripides seems to constitute an interesting exception. * = figures in both lists; † = a (certain or plausible) conjecture.

⁷ Aeschylus wrote a *Heliades* (fr. 68 N²).

⁸ Ἰωνιάς = ἰον at fr. 74.60 seems to have escaped the notice of the lexicographers.

⁹ Inferred from Plin. *NH* 5.28; see Pfeiffer *ad loc.*

¹⁰ An anomalous formation; see the commentators *ad locc.*

Cephisias Ov. *Met.* 7.438; *Cnosias* Ov. *AA* 1.293, 556; *Cythereias*† Ov. *Met.* 15.386; *Daulias* Catull. 65.14, *ES* 154, *Ciris* 200,¹¹ *Cons. ad Liv.* 106; *Daunias* Hor. *C.* 1.22.14;¹² *Heliades** Ov. *Met.* 2.340, 10.91, 263, *F.* 6.717, *Culex* 129; *Heliconiades** Lucret. 3.1037; *Ilias* (= 'Trojan')* Virg. *Aen.* 1.480, 2.580¹³ etc., Ov. *Her.* 16.338; *Ionias**† Ov. *Her.* 9.73, *AA* 2.219; *Lemnias** Ov. *Her.* 6.53, 139, *AA* 3.672; *Lesbias* *ES* 16; *Lycorias* Virg. *G.* 4.339; *Methymnias* *ES* 15; *Minyeias* Ov. *Met.* 4.1; *Naias* Virg. *E.* 6.21, Ov. *AA* 2.110, *F.* 1.512, *ES* 162; *Nisias* *ES* 54 (*bis*); *Nysias* Ov. *F.* 3.769; *Ophias* Ov. *Met.* 7.383; *Pallantias** Ov. *Met.* 9.421, 15.191, *F.* 4.373; *Pelasgias** Ov. *Her.* 9.3; *Pelias** Ov. *Her.* 3.126, *AA* 1.696, *Rem.* 48, *Met.* 13.109, *Ex P.* 1.7.32, 2.2.26; *Pelopeias* Ov. *Met.* 6.414, *F.* 3.83; *Phaestias* Ov. *Met.* 9.716;¹⁴ *Phasias* Ov. *Her.* 6.103, *AA* 2.103, 382, *Met.* 7.298; *Pleiades** Virg. *G.* 1.138, Hor. *C.* 4.14.21, Prop. 2.16.51, 3.5.36, Ov. *Met.* 1.670 etc. (9×), Germ. *Arat.* 256, Manil. 1.371 (?), 4.522, 5.142, 710; *Potnias* Ov. *Ib.* 553; *Pyrrhias* *ES* 15; *Scyrias* Ov. *AA* 1.682; *Thaumantias* Virg. *Aen.* 9.5, Ov. *Met.* 4.480; *Thespias* Ov. *Met.* 5.310; *Thestias** Ov. *Rem.* 721, *Met.* 8.452, 473; *Thoantias** Ov. *Her.* 6.163.

With the exception of a few such as *Ἑλικωνιάδες*, *Ὀλυμπιάδες*, and *Πηλιῶδες*, names formed in this way were evidently not especially favoured before the Hellenistic period. The odd man out here, as noted above, was, interestingly, Euripides. These words were recommended, not only by their decorative and associative qualities, which they shared with many Greek proper names, but also, particularly in dactylic metres, by their metrical convenience; and it will be seen that Callimachus and Apollonius provide most of the Greek examples. Callimachus' predilection had indeed been briefly noted by Pfeiffer;¹⁵ in him and Apollonius it verges on a mannerism. As such it was clearly recognized and exploited, for the same reasons, by Ovid in his turn. It is by no means the only game that he plays with Greek proper names,¹⁶ but it is particularly distinctive and individual to him, and it deserves to rank as one of his many trademarks.

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¹¹ Hence Lucret. 4.545 *Dauliades* coni. Bergk.

¹² 'the Greek accident strikes a mock-heroic note' (*N-H ad loc.*).

¹³ '*Iliades* in this sense is a Virgilianism' (Austin *ad loc.*).

¹⁴ *inter Phaestiades* Lenz (-*adas* in the index), Anderson.

¹⁵ On fr. 185: 'Call. uti solet huiusmodi formis, v. *Ἀκτιῶδες*, *Πελασγιάδες* etc.'. See R. Schmitt, *Die Nominalbildung in den Dichtungen des Kallimachos von Kyrene* (Wiesbaden, 1970), pp. 73–4; his list lumps together words in -*ás* and -*íás*, and is incomplete as regards Callimachus.

¹⁶ See Kenney (ed.), *Ovid Heroides XVI–XXI* (1996), pp. 249–51; id., in J. Binns (ed.), *Ovid* (1973), pp. 126–7 (by no means complete).

PROBLEMS OF TEXT AND INTERPRETATION IN STATIUS, *THEBAID* VII–XII

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