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GENS VAGA

**WHEN CIMBRI AND TEUTONS
MADE ROME TREMBLE**

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Historical essay (12-101 B.C.)

The author invites the reader to wonder what would have happened if Cimbri and Teutons had defeated Rome. He then skips ahead to get in the heat of one of the battles. From the second chapter onwards, the narration goes back to the normal chronological order of the events, and explores historical, political and military topics. The epic of Cimbri and Teutons preserves an inextricable unicum for posterity, in which the historian narration, the charm of myths, the archeologist's intuition and the old man's wisdom, telling his stories to the youngsters gathered around the fire, are all equal in dignity. The author describes the traits and the customs of the ancient Germans, their adventures across Europe, the main battles, the clash with the Celts and with Rome, the decisive intervention of Gaius Mario.

Summary: At the decisive moment, the Liguri / Where it all began / Ab extremis Galliae profugi / Priestesses against druids / In search of the promised land / Half a century before Julius Caesar / Rome starts to tremble / The military genius of Gaius Mario / The armies confront each other / The rotten fields / On this side of the Alps / The Raudii fields / Parva nunc civitas
The footnotes allow the reader to deepen single parts of the work.

"Gens Vaga" is the evocative two-word description that Tito Livio gave about the Cimbri, a wondering people clouded in uncertainty and legend.