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Eranos loan contract (*synchoresis*)

February/March, 10 BC

(a) *Addressee*

¹ To Protarchos,

(b) *Party 1*

² from Tryphon, the son of Ptolemaios, the president of an ³ *eranos* loan society,

(b2) *Party 2*

and from Lysimachos, the son of Theodotos, and ⁴ from his wife, Marion, the daughter of Isakis, and from Tryphon, ⁵ the son of Theodotos, all three Persians, with as guardian ⁶ of Marion her husband (BL 2.2.24).

(c) *Agreement proper*

⁷ The one account of a ten-drachmas (*per month*) *eranos* loan ... they are paying off, ⁸ which was (*after the initial payment of 10 drachmas*) a fourteenth part of 140 (*drachmas*), of which (*eranos loan*) the beginning was from Phamenoth ⁹ of the 20th year of Caesar (*Augustus*), ¹⁰ they (*the three eranos loan debtors*), who are each other's guarantors, agree to pay in cash, 140 drachmas in all, namely by paying (*the remaining 130 drachmas*) ¹¹ over the remaining thirteen months from Pharmouthi ¹² of the same year the ten drachmas per month, ¹³ not skipping any month,

(d) *Penalty clause*

or else, in whatever month ¹⁴ they do not duly pay the ten drachmas per month they agree ¹⁵ to pay within the time that which will be owed (*at that time*) ¹⁶ along with half as much again, and they agree to pay the two drachmas (*per 100 drachmas per month*) interest for the time that has passed (*the deadline*), ¹⁷ while the right of execution (*of the claim*) belongs ¹⁸ to Tryphon from them, who are each other's guarantors for payment, ¹⁹ and from one and from whomever of them he chooses ²⁰ just as if by virtue of a legal decision ...