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This is interesting - never heard of this either but seems easy to think that there's some relation to the latin. Sounds like maybe Munro got his "cunning artificer" this way?

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In [Ancient Greece](#), the **Daedala** (Greek: *δαίδαλα*) was a [festival](#) of reconciliation that was held every few years in honor of [Hera](#), consort of the supreme god [Zeus](#) at [Plataea](#), in [Boeotia](#), being one of the major cults of the city.

According to [Pausanias](#), there was a "**lesser Daedala**" (*Δαίδαλα μικρά*), celebrated every four years or so exclusively by the Plataeans, and a "**greater Daedala**" (*Δαίδαλα μεγάλη*), celebrated by all of Boeotians every fourteen cycles (approx. 60 years).

In the **lesser Daedala**, the people of [Plataea](#) went to an ancient oak grove and exposed pieces of cooked meat to ravens, attentively watching upon which tree any of the birds, after taking a piece of meat, would settle. Out of this tree they carved an image, and having it dressed as a bride, they set it on a [bullock cart](#) with a bridesmaid beside it. The image seems then to have been drawn to the bank of the river [Asopus](#) and back to the town, attended by a cheering crowd.^[1]

These adorned *xoana* were also called "[daidala](#)" (*δαίδαλα* or *δαιδάλεια*),^[2] with the connotation that they were "crafted" or "fashioned" (compare [Daedalus](#), "daidalos" (*δαίδαλος*) meaning "cunning worker").