



3 FAMILY MAN

Plantin is the forefather of nine generations of printers. He is married to Jeanne Rivière and together they have five daughters.

5 ENTREPRENEUR

Plantin is a business man with international contacts. He trades in books, prints, maps and lace.

8 MANAGER

Plantin is in charge of a huge company. The agreements with his labourers are written down, black on white.

12 HUMANIST

Plantin is convinced of the social relevance of books. He befriends scientists from all over Europe.

14 PRINTER

Plantin is a printer with a well-established reputation. The quality of his printing is unequalled.



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Plantin painted by Rubens.

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Through labour and perseverance is Plantin's motto.

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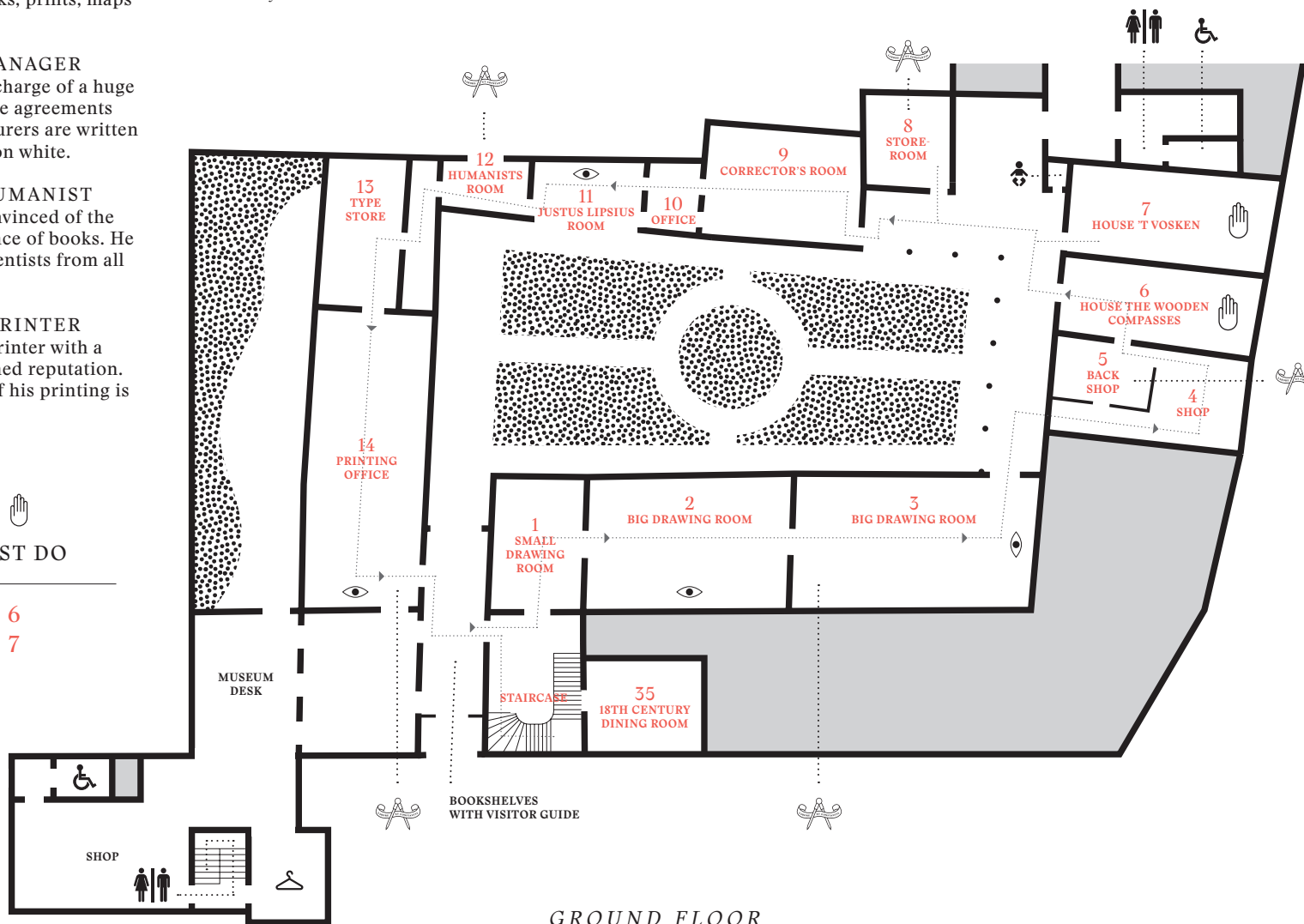


Seneca painted by Rubens.

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These are the two oldest surviving printing presses in the world.



TEN MASTERPIECES
FROM THE
PLANTINIAN
PUBLISHING HOUSE
THAT SHAPED THE
WORLD



15 Latin classics
Lipsius

16 The First Dutch
Dictionary
Kiliaan

22 Arithmetics with decimal
numbers
Stevin

23 An Italian look
at the Netherlands
Guicciardini

23 The First atlas
Ortelius

25 A new medicinal book
Coudenberg

25 Flowers drawn
to nature
Dodoens

29 Twelve-meter-long
funeral procession of
Emperor Charles V

31 Plantin's most beautiful
luxury bible

32 The Royal Bible
in five languages
Montanus



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Top-notch precious
old prints.

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From letter design
to cast type.

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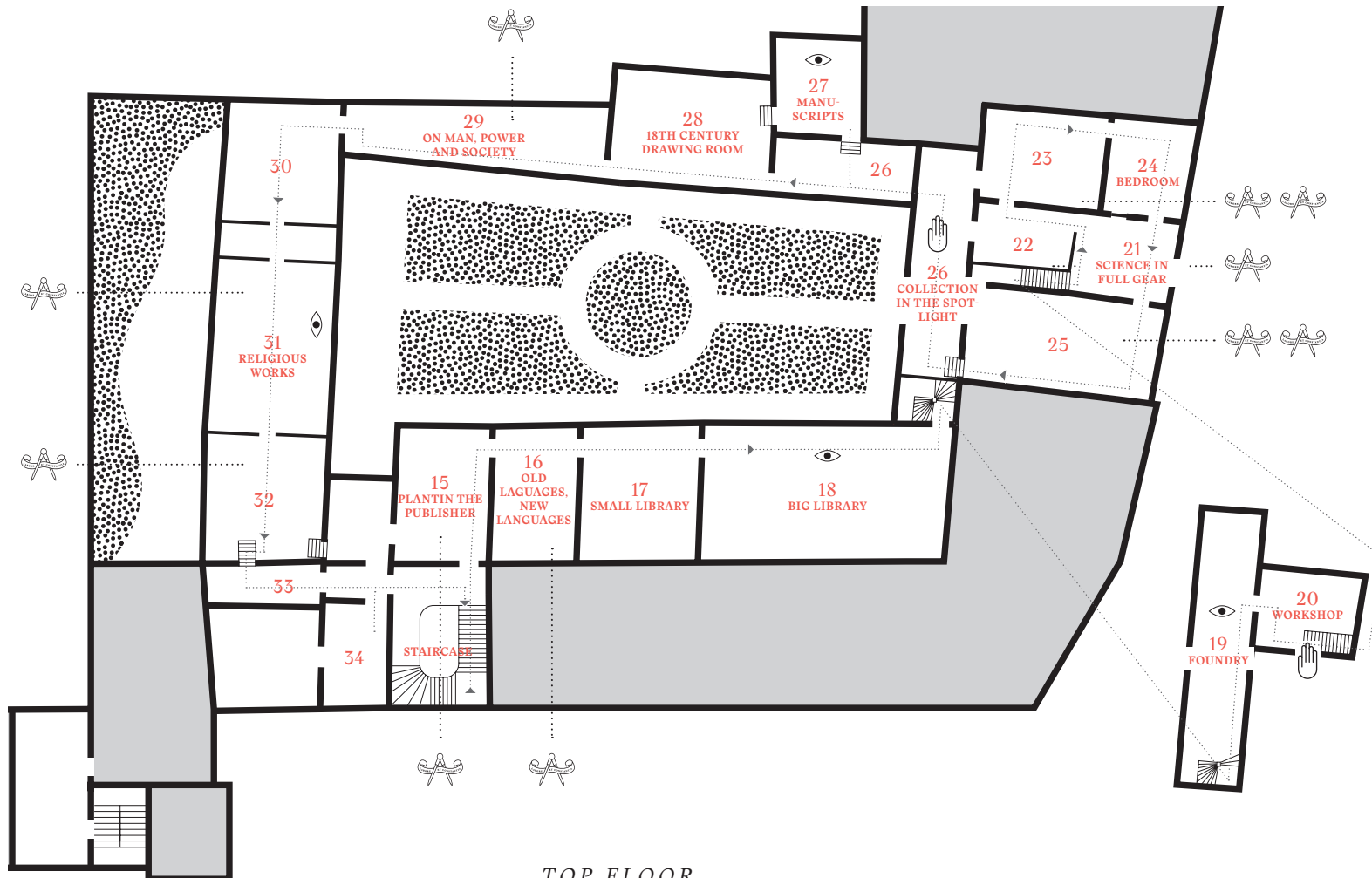


A selection from our rich
collections.

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