

# ACT III

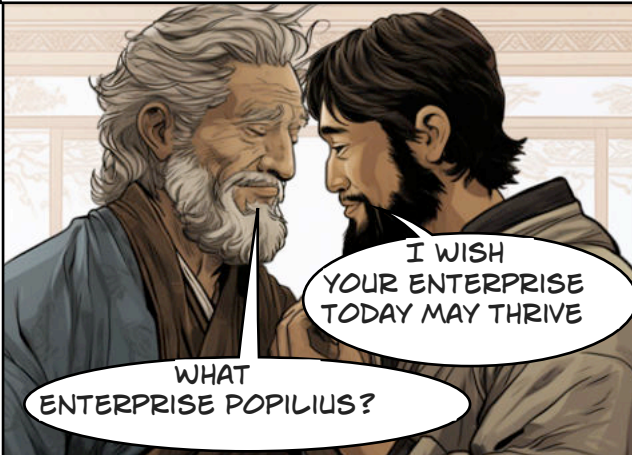
## FRIENDS, ROMANS, COUNTRYMEN

SO THE SCENE IS SET. JULIUS CAESAR MAKES HIS WAY TOWARDS THE SENATE.. WILL IT BE FOR THE VERY LAST TIME?



HE HAS MANY THINGS TO DO. AT THE SENATE, CITIZENS MAKE PETITIONS TO HIM. THAT MEANS THAT THEY ARE ASKING FOR SOMETHING. EVERY CITIZEN OF ROME HAS THE RIGHT TO ASK CAESAR FOR SOMETHING, BUT WHETHER CAESAR GRANTS THEIR WISHES IS ANOTHER THING ENTIRELY...

BRUTUS AND CASSIUS ARE A LITTLE AFRAID THAT SOMEONE WILL TELL CAESAR ABOUT THE PLOT TO MURDER HIM, ESPECIALLY WHEN A ROMAN CALLED POPILIUS WALKS UP TO CASSIUS AND SAYS



CASSIUS PRETENDS HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT POPILLIUS IS TALKING ABOUT..

CASSIUS TELLS BRUTUS..



THEY WATCH IN FEAR, WILL POPILIUS REVEAL THE PLAN???



POPILIUS APPROACHES CAESAR AND....



CAESAR LAUGHS!!!! HE REVEALED NO PLAN. BOTH BRUTUS AND CASSIUS BREATHE A SIGH OF RELIEF. THAT WAS CLOSE!



SUDDENLY, MARK ANTONY, THE BEST FRIEND OF CAESAR AND THE ONLY ONE WHO MIGHT STAND IN THEIR WAY... LEAVES! THINGS SEEM TO BE GOING THE WAY OF THE CONSPIRATORS!

NOW, IT IS METELLUS CIMBER (REMEMBER HE IS ONE OF THE CONSPIRATORS) WHO TAKES HIS TURN TO ASK CAESAR FOR SOMETHING. HIS BROTHER PUBLIUS CIMBER HAS BEEN BANISHED FROM ROME AND METELLUS IS ASKING IF HE CAN COME BACK.



**METELLUS TIMBER FELL TO HIS KNEES AND ASKED...**



IS THERE NO VOICE MORE WORTHY THAN MY OWN TO SOUND MORE SWEETLY IN GREAT CAESAR'S EAR FOR THE REPEALING OF MY BANISH'D BROTHER?

**BUT CAESAR WAS HAVING NONE OF IT...**



I COULD BE WELL MOVED, IF I WERE AS YOU...

CAESAR WILL NOT BUDGE. HE SAYS ONCE HE MAKES UP HIS MIND, THAT'S IT.

CAESAR SAYS HE'S NOT LIKE OTHER MERE MORTAL MEN. HE SAYS HE'S AS CONSTANT AS THE NORTHERN STAR - HE WILL NOT CHANGE. BEGGING AND PRAYING WON'T WORK WITH HIM. BRUTUS AND CASSIUS TRY TO APPEAL TO HIM, BUT THIS MAKES CAESAR VERY ANGRY..



**WILT THOUGH LIFT UP OLYMPUS???**

WE ALL KNOW THAT OLYMPUS IS THE PLACE WHERE THE GODS LIVE. IS JULIUS CAESAR SAYING THAT HE IS A GOD? THIS IS THE FINAL STRAW AND EVERYONE KNOWS ONCE AND FOR ALL WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.

**CASCA SHOUTS...**



**SPEAK, HANDS FOR ME!!!**

**AND JUST LIKE THAT, THE CONSPIRATORS FALL UPON CAESAR...**



ONE BY ONE, THEY STEP FORWARD AND USE THEIR DAGGERS....

**UNTIL ONLY BRUTUS REMAINS...**



**BRUTUS, ONCE THE BEST FRIEND OF CAESAR...**



THERE WAS NO TIME TO THINK, ONLY TO ACT. THE DECISION HAD BEEN MADE AND BRUTUS HAD TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THE PLAN. IT WAS ALL FOR THE GOOD OF ROME!



DAGGER RAISED, HE MOVED TOWARDS CAESAR AND STRUCK!!

SWISH!!!!

CAESAR FELT THE FATAL BLOW, AND SAW WHO HAD STRUCK IT..



ET TU BRUTE? THEN FALL CAESAR

AND THE DEED WAS DONE.

SOMEONE CRIED OUT..

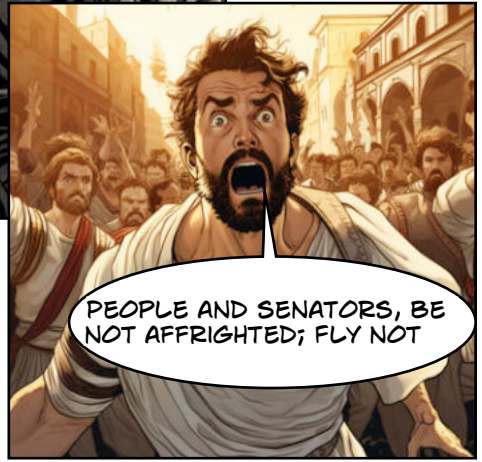


LIBERTY ! FREEDOM! TYRANNY IS DEAD! RUN HENCE, PROCLAIM, CRY IT ABOUT THE STREETS.



CRY OUT 'LIBERTY, FREEDOM, AND ENFRANCHISEMENT !'

CASSIUS URGES EVERYONE TO RUN TO THE STREETS AND SHOUT THE NEWS OF CAESAR'S DEATH



PEOPLE AND SENATORS, BE NOT AFFRIGHTED; FLY NOT

BRUTUS TRIES TO KEEP EVERYONE CALM SAYING THAT NO ONE ELSE IS IN DANGER

BRUTUS IS DESPERATELY TRYING TO KEEP EVERYONE'S HEADS TOGETHER AND HE TELLS THE OTHERS THAT THEY SHOULD GO TO THE MARKET SQUARE AND ADMIT TO THE PEOPLE WHAT THEY HAVE DONE AND EXPLAIN WHY THEY HAVE DONE IT.

A SERVANT APPEARS AND ASKS IF MARK ANTONY WILL BE SAFE IF HE RETURNS..



WALK WE FORTH, EVEN TO THE MARKET-PLACE, AND, WAVING OUR RED WEAPONS O'ER OUR HEADS, LET'S ALL CRY 'PEACE, FREEDOM AND LIBERTY!!'

IF BRUTUS WILL VOUCHSAFE THAT ANTONY MAY SAFELY COME TO HIM, AND BE RESOLVED HOW CAESAR HATH DESERVED TO LIE IN DEATH, MARK ANTONY SHALL NOT LOVE CAESAR DEAD SO WELL AS BRUTUS LIVING

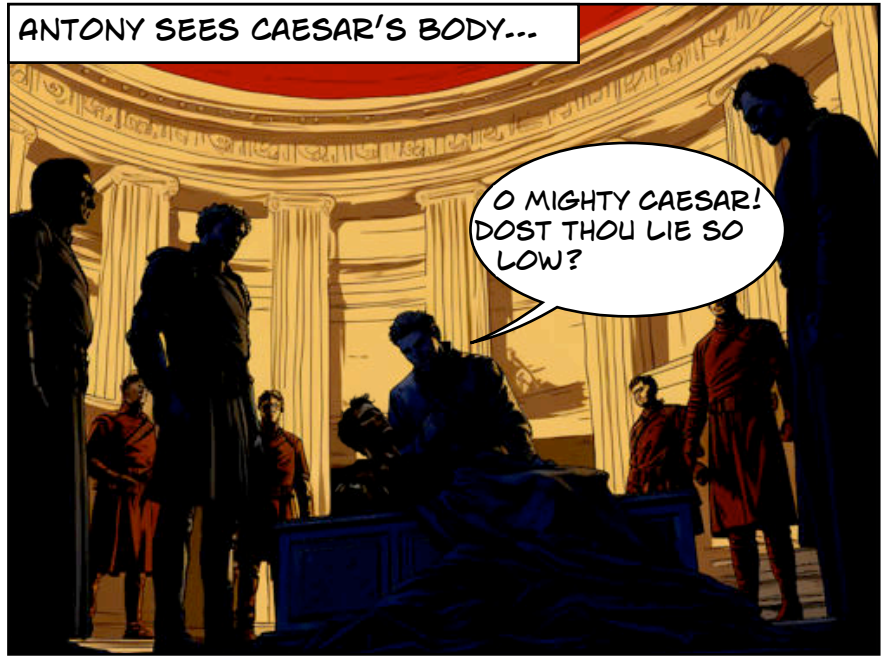




BRUTUS AGREES THAT MARK ANTONY WILL NOT BE HARMED AND THAT HE WILL EXPLAIN WHY CAESAR HAD TO DIE... MARK ANTONY RETURNS!!!



ANTONY SEES CAESAR'S BODY...



O MIGHTY CAESAR!  
DOST THOU LIE SO LOW?

ANTONY DOES NOT KNOW WHAT THE CONSPIRATORS INTEND TO DO NEXT..

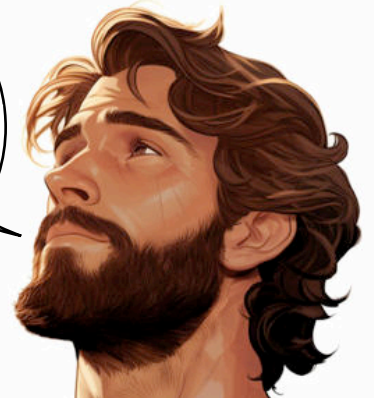


I KNOW NOT, GENTLEMEN, WHAT YOU INTEND, WHO ELSE MUST BE LET BLOOD, WHO ELSE IS RANK: IF I MYSELF, THERE IS NO HOUR SO FIT AS CAESAR'S DEATH HOUR

WILL ANTONY BE KILLED AS WELL???

BRUTUS TELLS HIM...

O ANTONY, BEG NOT YOUR DEATH OF US, WE DO RECEIVE YOU IN LOVE, GOOD THOUGHTS, AND REVERENCE

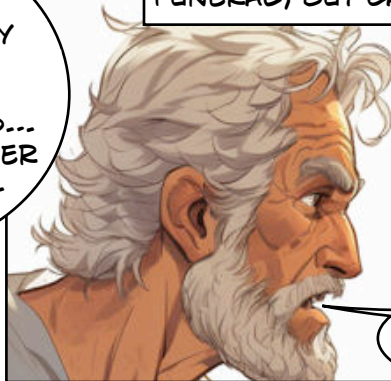


SO ANTONY IS SAFE, BUT HE HAS A FAVOUR TO ASK...

...THAT I MAY PRODUCE HIS BODY TO THE MARKET-PLACE; AND AS BECOMES A FRIEND... SPEAK IN THE ORDER OF HIS FUNERAL.

YOU SHALL MARK ANTONY

BRUTUS AGREES TO LET ANTONY SPEAK AT THE FUNERAL, BUT CASSIUS IS WORRIED...



KNOW YOU HOW MUCH THE PEOPLE MAY BE MOVED BY THAT WHICH HE WILL UTTER?

CASSIUS THINKS THAT IF MARK ANTONY TALKS TO THE PEOPLE OF ROME, THEY WILL LISTEN TO HIM AND BLAME CASSIUS AND BRUTUS FOR CAESAR'S DEATH, AND NOT UNDERSTAND WHY HE HAD TO BE KILLED. THEY THINK ANTONY CAN SWAY THE CROWD..

BUT BRUTUS HAS A PLAN...




I WILL MYSELF INTO THE PULPIT FIRST, AND SHOW THE REASON OF OUR CAESAR'S DEATH: WHAT ANTONY SHALL SPEAK, I WILL PROTEST. IT SHALL ADVANTAGE MORE THAN DO US WRONG.


SO BRUTUS THINKS THAT IF HE SPEAKS FIRST, THE CROWD WILL BE SWAYED BY HIM, NOT ANTONY. HE TELLS ANTONY THAT HE CAN SPEAK AS LONG AS HE PRAISES CAESAR AND DOESN'T SAY ANYTHING BAD...




BUT MARK ANTONY ALSO HAS A PLAN. HE HAS ONLY BEEN **PRETENDING** TO BE CALM AND REASONABLE, I WONDER WHAT HIS **REAL FEELINGS** ARE....



O, PARDON ME, THOU BLEEDING PIECE OF EARTH, THAT I AM MEEK AND GENTLE WITH THESE **BUTCHERS!** WOE TO THE HAND THAT SHED THIS COSTLY BLOOD!



A CURSE SHALL LIGHT UPON THE LIMBS OF MEN AND **CAESAR'S SPIRIT**, RANGING FOR REVENGE SHALL WITH A MONARCH'S VOICE CRY 'HAVOC,' AND LET SLIP THE **DOGS OF WAR**



HERE IS A **MOURNING** ROME, A **DANGEROUS** ROME. INTO THE MARKET-PLACE: THERE SHALL I TRY IN MY ORATION, HOW THE PEOPLE TAKE THE CRUEL ISSUE OF THESE BLOODY MEN

SO MARK ANTONY'S PLAN IS SET. HE **WILL** SWAY THE CROWD, HE **WILL** TELL THE PEOPLE ABOUT THE TERRIBLE MURDER OF JULIUS CAESAR AND HE **WILL** BLAME THOSE RESPONSIBLE. NOT ONLY THAT, BUT HE WILL SEND A MESSAGE TO **OCTAVIUS CAESAR**, JULIUS CAESAR'S **ADOPTED SON**, AND TOGETHER THEY WILL **SEEK REVENGE!!!**



AND SO IT WAS THAT JULIUS CAESAR'S BODY WAS TAKEN THROUGH THE STREETS OF ROME TO THE MARKET PLACE, WHERE IT SEEMED LIKE ALL OF ROME HAD COME TO HEAR THE FUNERAL SPEECHES.

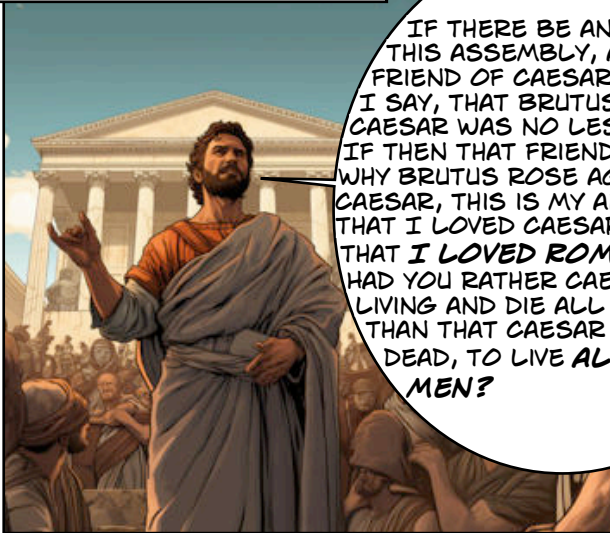


THE CROWD WAS SILENT, WAITING FOR BRUTUS TO SPEAK FIRST...

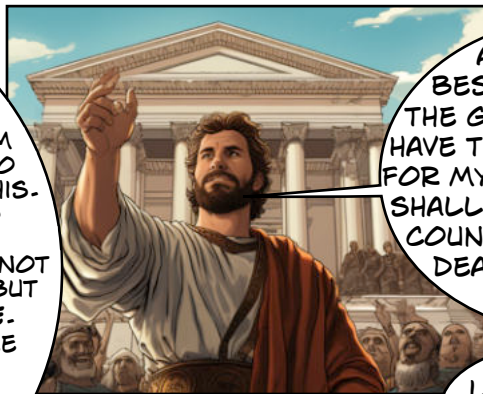


THEY EAGERLY AWAITED AN EXPLANATION FOR GREAT CAESAR'S DEATH...

AND BRUTUS SPOKE..



IF THERE BE ANY IN THIS ASSEMBLY, ANY DEAR FRIEND OF CAESAR'S, TO HIM I SAY, THAT BRUTUS' LOVE TO CAESAR WAS NO LESS THAN HIS. IF THEN THAT FRIEND DEMAND WHY BRUTUS ROSE AGAINST CAESAR, THIS IS MY ANSWER:-, NOT THAT I LOVED CAESAR LESS, BUT THAT I LOVED ROME MORE. HAD YOU RATHER CAESAR WERE LIVING AND DIE ALL SLAVES, THAN THAT CAESAR WERE DEAD, TO LIVE ALL FREE MEN?



AS I SLEW MY BEST FRIEND FOR THE GOOD OF ROME, I HAVE THE SAME DAGGER FOR MYSELF, WHEN IT SHALL PLEASE MY COUNTRY TO NEED MY DEATH.



LIVE BRUTUS, LIVE!!

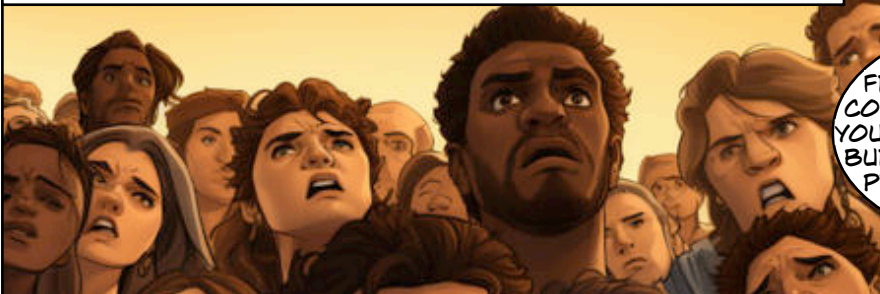


GOOD COUNTRYMEN, LET ME DEPART ALONE, AND, FOR MY SAKE, STAY HERE WITH ANTONY: GRACE HIS SPEECH TENDING TO CAESAR'S GLORIES; WHICH MARK ANTONY, BY OUR PERMISSION, IS ALLOW'D TO MAKE. NOT A MAN DEPART, TILL ANTONY HAVE SPOKE.



WE'LL HEAR HIM. NOBLE ANTONY, GO UP.

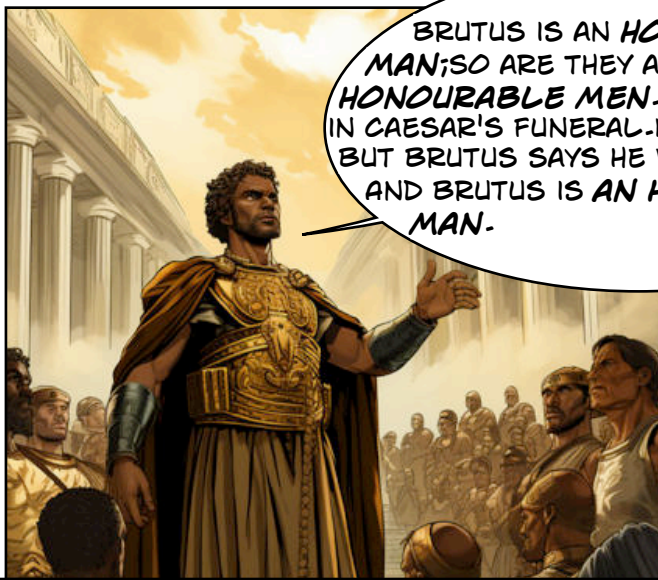
BRUTUS HAD MADE A GOOD SPEECH AND HE WAS PLEASED WITH HIMSELF. THE CROWD WERE ON HIS SIDE, THEY FORGAVE HIM. NOW IT WAS ANTONY'S TURN...



FRIENDS, ROMANS, COUNTRYMEN, LEND ME YOUR EARS; I COME TO BURY CAESAR, NOT TO PRAISE HIM.

NOT PRAISE HIM? A WEIRD START...





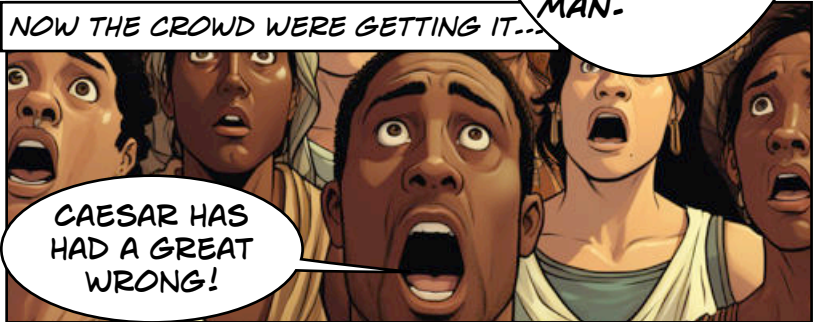
BRUTUS IS AN **HONOURABLE MAN**; SO ARE THEY ALL, ALL **HONOURABLE MEN**.. I COME TO SPEAK IN CAESAR'S FUNERAL.. HE WAS MY FRIEND, BUT BRUTUS SAYS HE WAS AMBITIOUS; AND BRUTUS IS AN **HONOURABLE MAN**..



YOU ALL DID SEE THAT AT THE FESTIVAL I **THREE TIMES** PRESENTED HIM A KINGLY CROWN, WHICH HE DID **THREE TIMES REFUSE**: WAS THIS AMBITION? YET BRUTUS SAYS HE WAS AMBITIOUS; AND, SURE, HE IS AN **HONOURABLE MAN**..

NOW THE CROWD WERE GETTING IT...

THE CROWD WAS STARTING TO THINK THAT EVERY TIME ANTONY SAID **HONOURABLE**, HE DIDN'T MEAN **HONOURABLE** AT ALL, IN FACT HE MEANT SOMETHING QUITE DIFFERENT...



CAESAR HAS HAD A GREAT WRONG!



O MASTERS, IF I WERE DISPOSED TO STIR YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS TO **MUTINY AND RAGE**, I SHOULD DO BRUTUS WRONG, AND CASSIUS WRONG, WHO, YOU ALL KNOW, ARE **HONOURABLE MEN!!!**

NOW ANTONY DID SOMETHING VERY CLEVER...



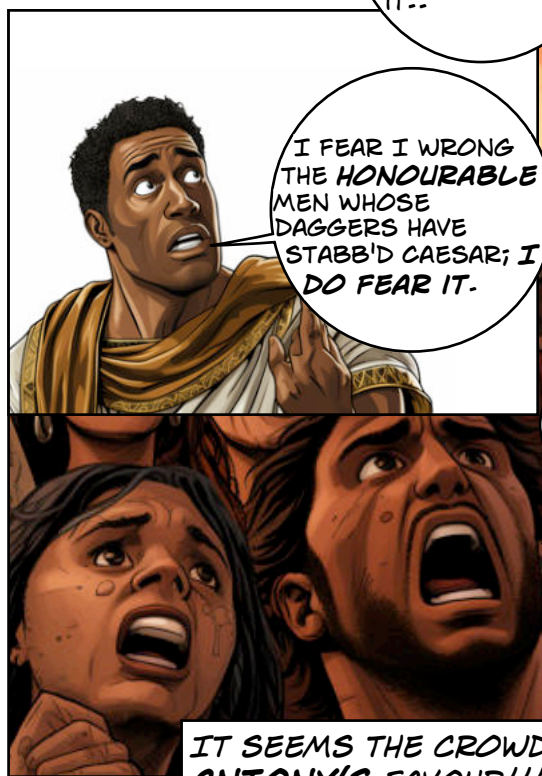
HERE'S A PARCHMENT WITH THE SEAL OF CAESAR; I FOUND IT IN HIS CLOSET, IT'S **HIS WILL!!!** BUT I CAN'T READ IT..

UH OH! IT LOOKS LIKE THE CROWD ARE STARTING TO GET ANGRY..

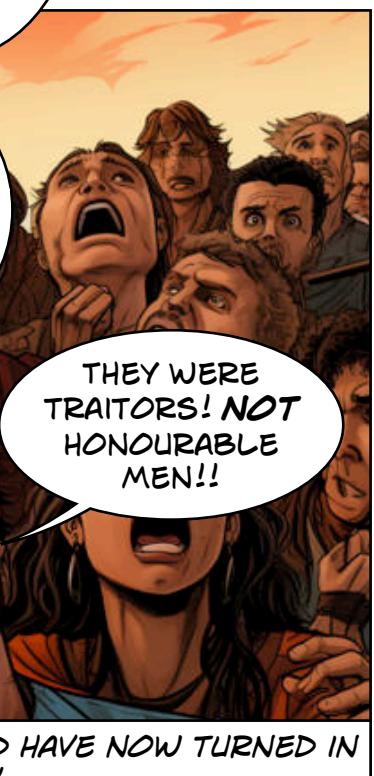


WE'LL HEAR THE WILL.. **READ IT, MARK ANTONY!!**

A WILL? CAESAR LEFT A WILL?



I FEAR I WROG THE **HONOURABLE MEN** WHOSE DAGGERS HAVE STABB'D CAESAR; I **DO FEAR IT**..



THEY WERE **TRAITORS! NOT HONOURABLE MEN!!**

IT SEEMS THE CROWD HAVE NOW TURNED IN ANTONY'S FAVOUR!!!



CAESAR'S WILL...

NOW THINKING THAT POOR CAESAR WAS INNOCENT, THE CROWD WENT BANANAS...

TO EVERY ROMAN CITIZEN  
SEVENTY-FIVE POUNDS  
MY PRIVATE ORCHARDS  
MY PRIVATE PARKS TO WALK IN  
FOR EVER

WOW!!! THAT'S BIG FOR THOSE DAYS...



WE'LL BE REVENGED

FETCH FIRE!!

WE'LL MUTINY!!!

WE'LL BURN THE HOUSE OF BRUTUS!!!

THE ANGRY MOB TOOK TO THE STREETS



ANYONE SUSPECTED OF BEING A CONSPIRATOR WAS IN DANGER...

THE MOB STOPS ANYONE SUSPICIOUS...

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

MY NAME IS CINNA

HE'S A CONSPIRATOR!

I'M CINNA THE POET...THE POET...



BUT THE MOB HAS NO MERCY!!!



I'M CINNA THE POET

TEAR HIM APART!!



THINGS HAVE CHANGED, ROME IS NO LONGER MOURNING THE DEATH OF JULIUS CAESAR, NOW THEY ARE SEEKING REVENGE!!!