

ACT V

THE NOBLEST ROMAN OF THEM ALL

THE FINAL PART OF THE STORY IS UPON US AS WE MARCH INTO ACT FIVE. ON ONE SIDE THE ARMIES OF **BRUTUS** AND **CASSIUS**, ON THE OTHER THE ARMIES OF **OCTAVIUS** AND **MARK ANTONY**.

ALTHOUGH....



THERE IS ONE FINAL CHANCE FOR PEACE...



EACH SOLDIER BELIEVES HE IS FIGHTING FOR THE FORCES OF GOOD, BUT HOW CAN THEY ALL BE RIGHT?

THE FOUR GENERALS MEET, CAN THIS BATTLE BE AVOIDED AFTER ALL?

THE
GENERALS WOULD
HAVE SOME
WORDS..

ANTONY

WORDS
BEFORE
BLOWS IS IT SO
COUNTRYMEN?

BRUTUS

NOT THAT WE
LOVE WORDS
BETTER AS YOU DO,
CAESARS 33 WOUNDS
WILL BE AVENGED

OCTAVIUS

THE STORM IS UP!!!

CASSIUS

IT SEEMS THE TWO SIDES CANNOT AGREE,
THERE WILL BE A BATTLE TODAY!!!

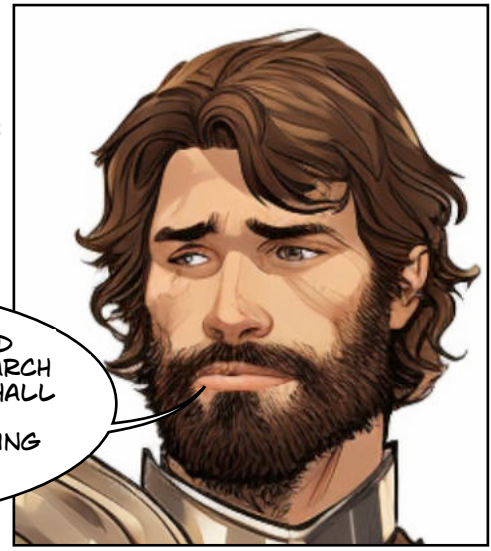
AS OCTAVIUS AND ANTONY LEAVE TO READY THEIR ARMIES, CASSIUS AND BRUTUS ARE LEFT ALONE



IF WE DO LOSE THIS BATTLE, THEN IS THIS THE VERY LAST TIME WE SHALL SPEAK TOGETHER..



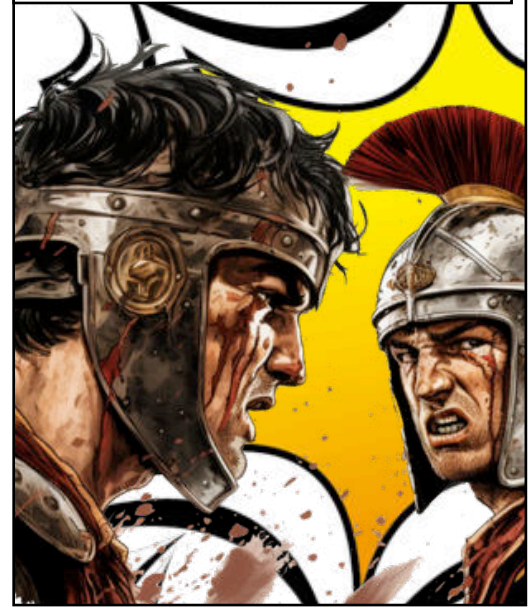
THIS SAME DAY MUST END THAT WORK THE IDES OF MARCH BEGUN; AND WHETHER WE SHALL MEET AGAIN I KNOW NOT. THEREFORE OUR EVERLASTING FAREWELL TAKE



AND SO THE MIGHTY **BATTLE OF PHILIPPI** BEGINS! BECAUSE OF THE VISIT OF CAESAR'S GHOST, BRUTUS AND CASSIUS ARMY HAVE RUSHED INTO PHILIPPI, NOT WAITING ON THE HIGHER GROUND OF THE HILLS WHERE THEY HOLD THE ADVANTAGE.



THE ARMIES GO HEAD TO HEAD..



SWORDS ARE FLYING...




BANNERS ARE WAVING, MEN FALL UPON THE FIELD.

CASSIUS IS WATCHING THE BATTLE TAKE SHAPE FROM HIGH ON A HILL WITH HIS SERVANT **PINDARUS**



CASSIUS IS VERY SUPERSTITIOUS AND THINKS HE SEES **BAD OMENS** EVERYWHERE ... TENTS ON FIRE, ANTONY'S ARMY CHARGING...

CASSIUS THINKS THE BATTLE IS ALREADY OVER AND HE HAS LOST..




LOOK, LOOK, ARE THOSE MY TENTS WHERE I PERCEIVE THE FIRE?

HE WOULD RATHER DIE THAN BE TAKEN PRISONER



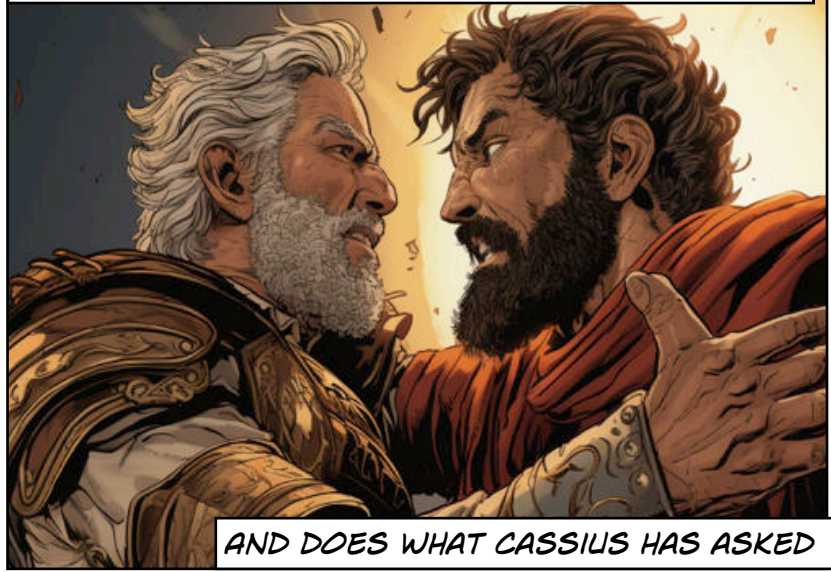
HE HAS A TERRIBLE REQUEST FOR HIS SERVANT...

HE ASKS PINDARUS TO END HIS LIFE!!




WITH THIS GOOD SWORD, THAT RAN THROUGH CAESAR, TAKE THOU THE HILTS; AND, GUIDE THOU THE SWORD.

PINDARUS TAKES THE SWORD, THE VERY SWORD THAT KILLED CAESAR...



AND DOES WHAT CASSIUS HAS ASKED



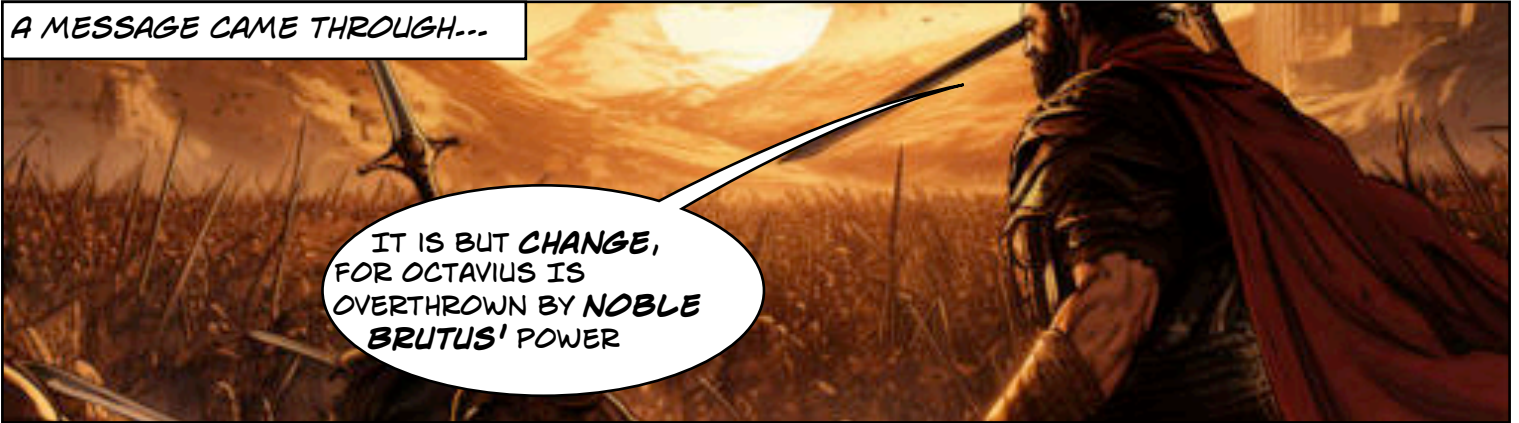
CAESAR, THOU ART REVENGED, EVEN WITH THE SWORD THAT KILL'D THEE

CASSIUS WAS GONE



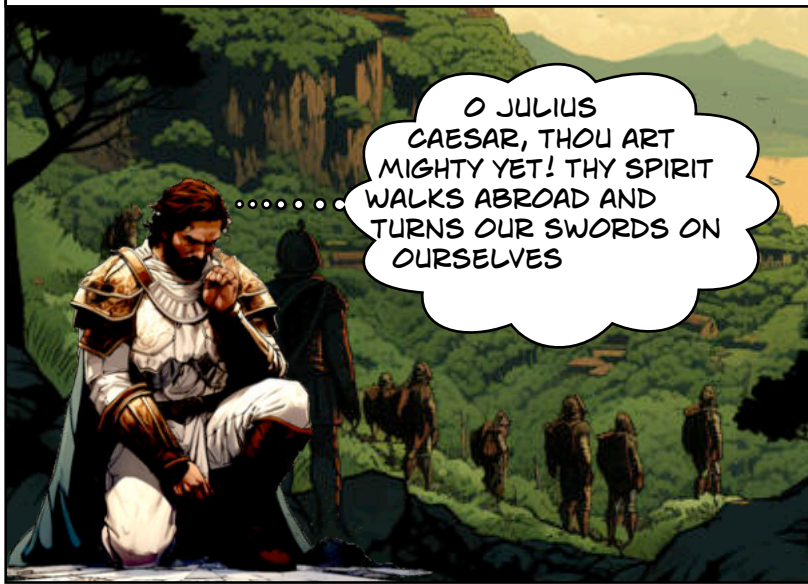
BUT HE HAD BEEN MISTAKEN! THE BATTLE WASN'T OVER YET...

A MESSAGE CAME THROUGH...



IT IS BUT CHANGE, FOR OCTAVIUS IS OVERTHROWN BY NOBLE BRUTUS' POWER

NEWS REACHES BRUTUS OF CASSIUS'S DEATH...



O JULIUS CAESAR, THOU ART MIGHTY YET! THY SPIRIT WALKS ABROAD AND TURNS OUR SWORDS ON OURSELVES

THE BATTLE BEGINS AFRESH, A SECOND WAVE OF FIGHTING BEGINS...

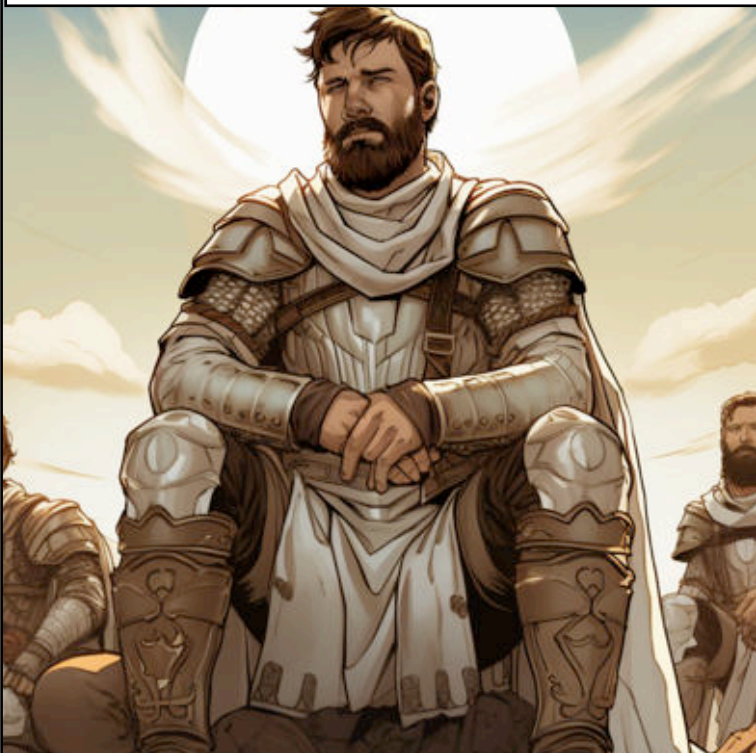


BRUTUS'S ARMIES ARE OVER RUN

HIS TROOPS ARE SURROUNDED..



BRUTUS SITS ACCOMPANIED BY ONLY A HANDFUL OF HIS SOLDIERS...



BRUTUS DECIDES HE WILL NOT BE TAKEN BY THE ENEMY



CAESAR NOW BE STILL

HE TAKES HOLD OF HIS SWORD ONE FINAL TIME..

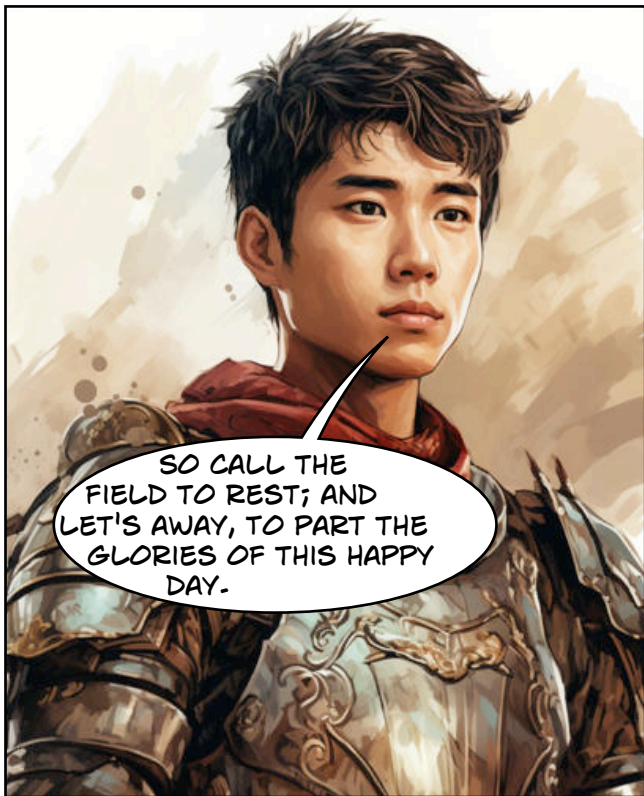
AND BRUTUS IS NO MORE



SO THE TWO GENERALS **CASSIUS** AND **BRUTUS** ARE GONE, FINALLY THEIR ARMIES ARE BEATEN. **ANTONY** AND **OCTAVIUS** SURVEY THE SCENE.



THIS WAS THE NOBLEST ROMAN OF THEM ALL: ALL THE CONSPIRATORS SAVE ONLY HE DID THAT THEY DID IN ENVY OF GREAT CAESAR; HE ONLY, IN A GENERAL HONEST THOUGHT AND COMMON GOOD TO ALL, MADE ONE OF THEM. HIS LIFE WAS GENTLE, AND THE ELEMENTS SO MIX'D IN HIM THAT NATURE MIGHT STAND UP AND SAY TO ALL THE WORLD 'THIS WAS A MAN!'



SO CALL THE FIELD TO REST; AND LET'S AWAY, TO PART THE GLORIES OF THIS HAPPY DAY.

THE LAST WORDS WERE LEFT TO OCTAVIUS. HIS FATHER WAS AVENGED, THE BATTLE WON, AND ROME WAS IN HIS HANDS NOW. ANTONY SAYS THAT BRUTUS WAS THE ONLY CONSPIRATOR WHO DID WHAT HE DID FOR THE GOOD OF ROME, ALL THE OTHERS WERE AMBITIOUS OR JEALOUS.

LIKE SO MANY STORIES, WE ARE LEFT WITH MANY QUESTIONS - WERE THE **CONSPIRATORS** RIGHT TO MURDER CAESAR? WAS **BRUTUS** RIGHT TO BETRAY HIS FRIEND? WAS **ANTONY** RIGHT TO SEEK JUSTICE? AND WHAT IS LEFT OF **ROME** NOW?

WELL, MY STORY IS DONE, THE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS LIE WITH YOU.

THE END