



JULIUS CAESAR



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PREQUEL

AS ANY GOOD DETECTIVE KNOWS, IF YOU'RE GOING TO LOOK INTO A MYSTERY, YOU NEED A BIT OF BACKGROUND. THIS IS WHAT I FOUND OUT. PAY ATTENTION, BECAUSE NOTHING MAKES SENSE WITHOUT HEARING THIS STORY FIRST.....



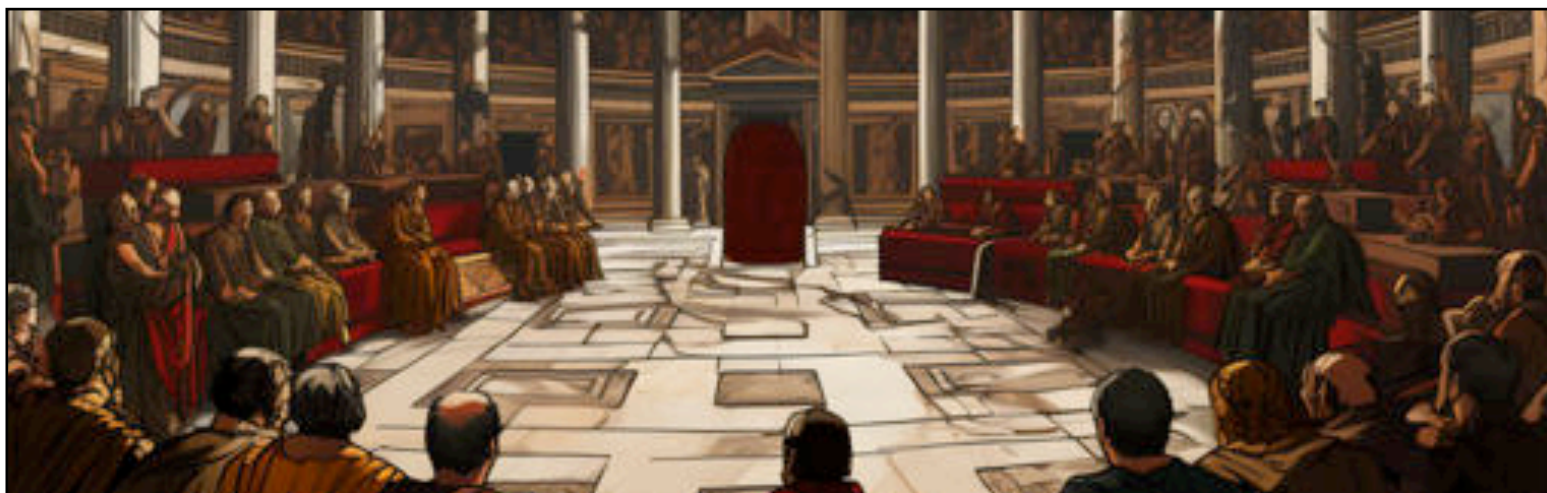
WE ALL KNOW THAT ROME IS IN ITALY, BUT TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO (THAT'S A LOT OF YEARS) ITALY WASN'T A COUNTRY LIKE IT IS TODAY, ROME WAS A SMALL KINGDOM. SO FOR A LONG TIME IT HAD A KING OR QUEEN.



THE KING OR QUEEN HAD **ALL THE POWER** AND TOLD EVERYONE WHAT TO DO. THE PEOPLE OF ROME DECIDED AFTER A WHILE THAT THEY DIDN'T WANT A KING OR QUEEN ANYMORE, THEY WANTED TO CHOOSE THE PEOPLE WHO TOLD THEM WHAT TO DO.



THE PEOPLE ALSO DECIDED THAT THEY DIDN'T WANT JUST **ONE** LEADER, BECAUSE IF YOU GOT A BAD ONE BY MISTAKE, EVERYTHING MIGHT GO DOWN THE TOILET. INSTEAD THEY WANTED **TWO** LEADERS SO THAT THINGS WOULD BE A BIT FAIRER AND BETTER DECISIONS WOULD BE MADE. THESE TWO PEOPLE WOULD BE CALLED **CONSULS**



THE TWO CONSULS NEEDED HELP AND GUIDANCE AND THIS CAME FROM THE SENATE - A BIT LIKE THE GOVERNMENT - A FEW HUNDRED PEOPLE WHO COULD HELP THE CONSULS WORK OUT PROBLEMS. SO THE TWO BRAVEST AND BRAINIEST PEOPLE WERE MADE CONSULS AND THEY WENT TO WORK ON MAKING ROME IMPORTANT. THOSE CONSULS, AND THEN THE CONSULS AFTER THEM AND THEN THE CONSULS THAT CAME AFTER THAT, WERE SO GOOD AT THEIR JOBS THAT ROME BECAME THE **MOST IMPORTANT PLACE IN THE WORLD!**



IN FACT, ROME WENT OUT AND CONQUERED LOTS OF OTHER BITS OF THE WORLD. IT HAD BITS OF AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST, IT HAD LOTS OF EUROPE LIKE BELGIUM AND SPAIN AND GREECE AND PORTUGAL AND.....WELL **LOADS** OF EUROPE REALLY. ALL THESE PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD WERE LIVING THE WAY THE ROMANS TOLD THEM TO. FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS (THAT'S ALSO A LOT OF YEARS) ROME WAS HAPPY WITH THIS PLAN.

BUT AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, NOT ALL OF THESE CONSULS GOT ON VERY WELL WITH EACH OTHER, IT WAS A TRICKY JOB AND BECAUSE THERE WERE TWO OF THEM AND THERE WERE PLENTY OF ARGUMENTS. MOST OF THE TIME ONE CONSUL WOULD SHOUT AND POINT AT THE OTHER ONE, AND THEN CONSUL NUMBER TWO WOULD POINT AND SHOUT BACK, THEN EVENTUALLY THEY'D KISS AND MAKE UP AND FINALLY MAKE A DECISION.



NOW WE COME TO THE IMPORTANT BIT!!!!



ONE CONSUL WAS CALLED JULIUS CAESAR. HE WAS A GENERAL IN THE ARMY. HE HAD JUST CONQUERED A PLACE CALLED GAUL - WHICH IS FRANCE NOW. HE DIDN'T CONQUER THEM ON HIS OWN, I THINK HE DID IT WITH HIS ARMY. HE DEFINITELY DID, I'VE JUST LOOKED IT UP, HE HAD HIS **OWN ARMY!** THE PEOPLE OF ROME LOVED JULIUS CAESAR, HIS POSTER WAS UP ON EVERYONE'S WALL. HE WAS LIKE A MOVIE STAR. THE OTHER CONSUL WAS CALLED POMPEY. HE WAS A BIT BORING COMPARED TO JULIUS CAESAR, BUT THE SENATE (GOVERNMENT) LIKED HIM A LOT AND SO DID SOME OF THE PEOPLE.



BUT JULIUS CAESAR WAS WINNING BATTLES!

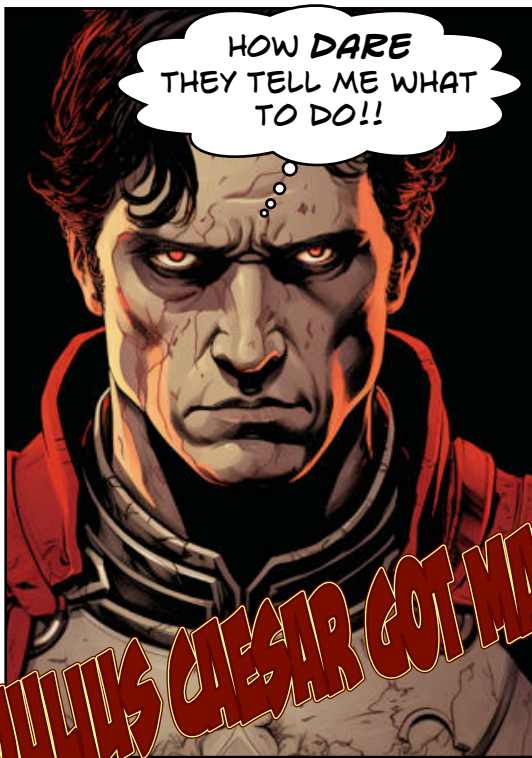


JULIUS CAESAR HAD DONE HIS CONQUERING AND GOT RICH BECAUSE OF ALL THE STUFF HE STOLE WHILE HE WAS CONQUERING. HIS ARMY ALSO GOT A LOT BIGGER. POMPEY THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA FOR JULIUS CAESAR TO GIVE UP HIS ARMY. POMPEY WAS SCARED OF WHAT JULIUS CAESAR MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO WITH THAT MASSIVE ARMY, LIKE MAYBE **TAKE CONTROL** OF ROME ALL BY HIMSELF?

POMPEY SPOKE TO THE SENATE AND THE SENATE AGREED. THEY QUICKLY WROTE A LETTER TO MR CAESAR ASKING HIM TO KINDLY STOP HAVING AN ARMY.

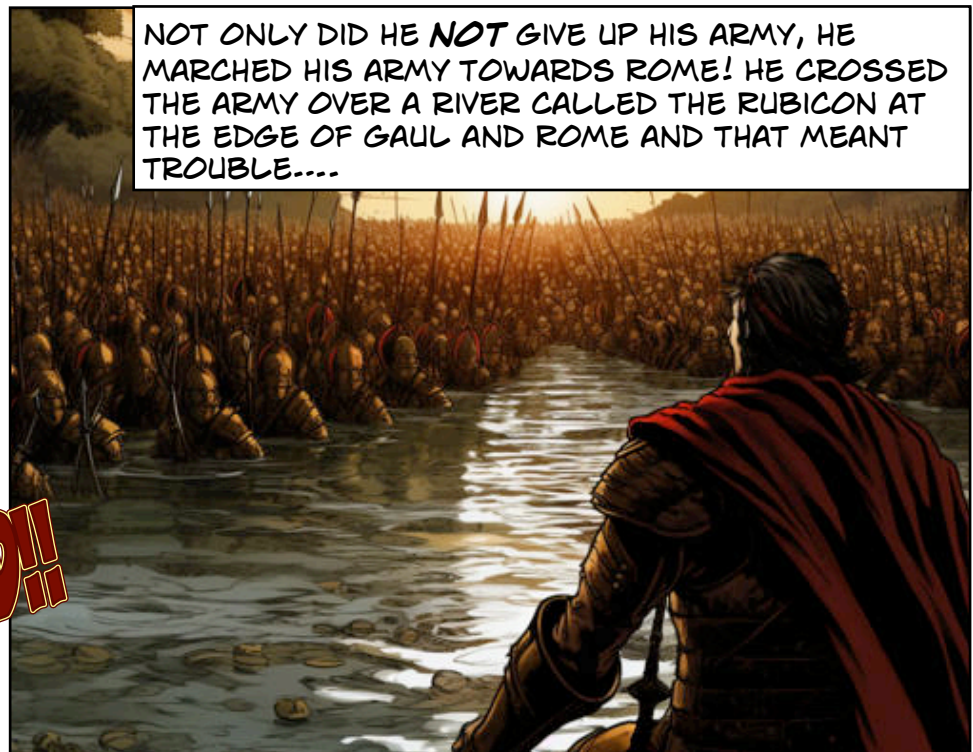


YOU **MUST TAKE AWAY CAESAR'S ARMY...**



HOW **DARE** THEY TELL ME WHAT TO DO!!

JULIUS CAESAR GOT MAD!!



NOT ONLY DID HE **NOT** GIVE UP HIS ARMY, HE MARCHED HIS ARMY TOWARDS ROME! HE CROSSED THE ARMY OVER A RIVER CALLED THE RUBICON AT THE EDGE OF GAUL AND ROME AND THAT MEANT TROUBLE....



DESTROY POMPEY'S ARMY!!

DOWN WITH CAESAR!!

THE FIGHT WAS ON! POMPEY AND CAESAR STARTED A WAR AGAINST EACH OTHER. THE WAR WENT ON FOR FOUR YEARS, **FOUR YEARS!**

EVENTUALLY CAESAR WON, POMPEY WAS DEFEATED AND CAESAR CAME BACK TO THE CITY OF ROME.



SOME PEOPLE LOVED CAESAR BUT SOME OTHER PEOPLE WERE A BIT WORRIED ABOUT HOW POWERFUL CAESAR WAS NOW. REMEMBER, THEY HADN'T HAD JUST ONE RULER FOR A LONG TIME AND THEY WERE SURE THAT THEY DIDN'T WANT THAT TO HAPPEN AGAIN. **THAT'S** A PRETTY GOOD PREQUEL, BUT WE'RE NOT MAKING **THAT** STORY RIGHT NOW. **THAT** STORY HAS ALREADY HAPPENED AND OURS IS JUST BEGINNING.....