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## CAESAR'S ENVOY

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(Ancient Rome. Civil war between Caesar and Pompey – 49 BC)

Some troops are sent on a mission on the African coast.

Lucio Servilio Verre has been recently promoted to Centurion. The prefect entrusts Verre with a mission: delivering a message from Caesar to Rufo, a former comrade dating back to the XIII Legion.

Verre leaves incognito with a small squad, including Heraus who will turn out to be a Pompey's spy.

The centurion finds out a few things: recently some emissaries of the Senate arrived, one of the two magistrates in charge of the city was murdered under mysterious circumstances, the fleet which was docked at the harbour sailed west and the pro-Caesar envoys are disappearing one after another.

Furthermore, a gang of thugs known as "The Brotherhood" is on the loose in town. During a feast, Verre notices a very attracting young roman girl, Letizia, someone who is not what she says she is.

Verre goes back to camp to debrief, but finds it under the attack of Pompey's troops. He manages to save centurion Cinna's life: he got wounded.

The brotherhood is after them and it looks like they're always one step ahead. The two centurions are able to take down the gang and decide to go back to Rome to inform Caesar. During the trip back they are forced to stop in Pozzuoli because of a tidal wave. There, they obtain an escort to reach Caesar's camp on land. During an ambush, Heraus (Pompey's spy) tries to kill Verre, but only manages to wound him. The centurion is safe and foils the conspiracy to kill Caesar.

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