

List of Spartacus (TV series) characters



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<u>Spartacus</u> is a set of <u>Starz</u> <u>television series</u> that focuses on the historical figure of <u>Spartacus</u>, a <u>Thracian gladiator</u> who, from 73 to 71 BC, led a <u>major slave uprising</u> against the <u>Roman Republic</u>. Executive producers <u>Steven S. DeKnight</u> and <u>Robert Tapert</u> focused on structuring the events of Spartacus' obscure early life leading to the records of history. This article serves as a list of characters for the television series.

Cast

Main

Actor	Character	Seasons			
		Blood and Sand	Gods of the Arena	Vengeance	War of the Damned
		Gladiators & Sla	aves		
Andy Whitfield	Spartacus	Main	Archived Footage		
Liam McIntyre	<u></u>				Main
Manu Bennett	Crixus		Ма	in	
Peter Mensah	Oenomaus		Main		
Nick E. Tarabay	Ashur		Main		
Erin Cummings	Sura	Main			
Lesley-Ann Brandt		Recurring			
Cynthia Addai- Robinson	Naevia				Main
Dan Feuerriegel	Agron	Recurring			Main
Katrina Law	Mira	Recurring		Main	
Dustin Clare	Gannicus			Main	
Marisa Ramirez	Melitta		Main		
Pana Hema Taylor	Nasir			Recurring	Main
Ellen Hollman	Saxa			Recurring	Main
Ditch Davey	Nemetes			Recurring	Main
Jenna Lind	Kore				Main
		Romans			
John Hannah	Quintus <u>Lentulus</u> <u>Batiatus</u>	<u>Main</u>			
Lucy Lawless	Lucretia	Main			
Viva Bianca	Ilithyia	Main		Main	
Craig Parker	Gaius Claudius Glaber	Recurring		Main	
Jaime Murray	Gaia		Main		
Brett Tucker	Publius Varinius			Main	

Simon Merrells	Marcus Licinius Crassus	Main
Christian Antidormi	Tiberius Licinius Crassus	<u>Main</u>
Todd Lasance	Gaius Julius Caesar	<u>Main</u>
Anna Hutchison	Laeta	<u>Main</u>

Recurring

Actor	Character	Seasons			
		Blood and Sand	Gods of the Arena	Vengeance	War of the Damned
		Gladiators & Sla	aves		
Ioane King	Rhaskos		Recurring		
Raicho Vasilev	Gnaeus	Rec	urring		
Antonio Te Maioha	Barca	Recurring			
Eka Darville	Pietros	Recurring			
Ande Cunningham	Duro	Recurring			
Jai Courtney	Varro	Recurring			
Brooke Williams	Aurelia	Recurring		Guest	
Shane Rangi	Dagan		Recurring		
Jessica Grace Smith	Diona		Recurring		
Josef Brown	Auctus		Recurring		
Heath Jones	Donar			Re	ecurring
Barry Duffield	Lugo		Recurri		curring
Gwendoline Taylor	Sibyl				Recurring
Vince Colosimo	Heracleo				Recurring
Blessing Mokgohloa	Castus				Recurring
	1	Romans		'	
Kevin J. Wilson	Senator Albinius	Guest		Recurring	
Greg Ward	Mercato	Recurring		Recurring	
Craig Walsh Wrightson	Marcus Decius Solonius	Recurring			
John Bach	Magistrate Titus Calavius	Recurring			
Lliam Powell	Numerius Calavius	Recurring			
Stephen Lovatt	Tullius		Recurring		
Gareth Williams	Vettius		Recurring		
Peter Feeney	Quinctilius Varus		Recurring		

Jason Hood	Cossutius	Reci	Recurring	
Jeffrey Thomas	Titus Lentulus Batiatus	Recurring	Guest	
Hanna Mangan- Lawrence	Seppia		Recurring	
Tom Hobbs	Seppius		Recurring	
Luke Pegler	Marcus		Recurring	
Timothy Raby	Magistrate Gallienus		Recurring	
Peter McCauley	Lucius Caelius		Recurring	
Colin Moy	Senator Metellus			Recurring
Aaron Jakubenko	Sabinus			Recurring

Main Characters

Spartacus

Portrayed by <u>Andy Whitfield</u> in *Blood and Sand*, <u>Liam McIntyre</u> in *Vengeance* and *War of the Damned*

A Thracian who becomes a gladiator in the *ludus* of Lentulus Batiatus. Spartacus disobeys an order by *legatus* Gaius Claudius Glaber, who refused to send his men to protect Spartacus' village. Spartacus' wife Sura is condemned to slavery, and Spartacus is taken to Rome to be executed in the games by Glaber. Instead of dying, Spartacus kills the gladiators sent to kill him, and as a result Spartacus cannot be executed: Glaber would lose faith with the people, as Spartacus has become popular with the crowd. Batiatus purchases Spartacus to either win patronage from Glaber by having him killed, or use the Thracian's popularity for his own ends. Spartacus comes to live at the *ludus* and eventually proves himself a skilled gladiator. He makes an enemy of Crixus, especially when they defeat Theokoles in which fight Crixus is wounded and Spartacus inherits his title of 'the Champion of Capua'. Batiatus makes a deal with Spartacus that if he continues to fight for Batiatus, he will find Spartacus' wife for him; however, she is brought to the *ludus* dying from an apparent attack. It is revealed immediately afterwards that Batiatus had Sura murdered so Spartacus would stay at the *ludus*, as he would have no reason to gain his freedom. Eventually, Spartacus finds out and plans vengeance against Batiatus. He gains the support of Crixus and at a party to announce Batiatus' pursuit of political office, Spartacus leads a slave revolt that kills Batiatus and almost all the people in attendance. After she helps him escape the ludus, Mira becomes Spartacus' lover, until she comes to realize he would never love her the way she loved him. Spartacus eventually has an army of hundreds of thousands of freed slaves, who free one city after another. The tensions between him and Crixus heat up again when Crixus wishes to take their army to Rome, whereas Spartacus would head up to the mountains. He also becomes involved with a former Roman woman named Laeta, who now stands slave with the rest of his people. Spartacus hosts a series of games like the ones he used to fight in, to honor Crixus after his death. In the final battle against Crassus, Spartacus leads his people into the fight, and has Gannicus with another group approach from behind. Although they seem to be fighting their way through the army at first, the rebels eventually start to fall one by one. Spartacus then faces off with Crassus, but when he finally has the Roman on his knees, Spartacus is struck from behind, when three spears pierce his body. Agron and others come to his rescue and take him away before Crassus can finish him, but Spartacus has been mortally wounded, and asks his friends to move on without him. He then dies in the hands of Agron, longing to

see his wife again. He is buried at the foot of the mountain, with Agron's shield as a gravestone. Coincidentally, the shield has a red serpent on it, thus making Sura's prediction about Spartacus falling before the great, red serpent, come true.

Quintus Gnaeus Cornelius Lentulus Batiatus

Portrayed by John Hannah.

A *lanista* and Spartacus' master. Insatiably greedy and ambitious, he schemes to become a <u>Roman magistrate</u>. His schemes including ridding himself of his business rival Solonius, as well as gaining sufficient advantage with the local magistrate Calavius and *legatus* Glaber so that they will provide him patronage. However, after refusing to support his ambition, Batiatus kidnaps and kills Calavius. Using blackmail and the aid of Ashur, he has Solonius condemned to the arena, framed for Calavius's murder, and earns the support of Glaber by threatening to reveal that his wife has murdered a noble woman. His plans to control Spartacus (killing his wife so he has no reason to attain his freedom) are uncovered and he is slain by Spartacus in the season finale.

Lucretia

Portrayed by Lucy Lawless.

Batiatus' wife. She acts as a willing partner in order to advance Batiatus' goals and uses deception and blackmail to further his aims. In Gods of the Arena, she poisons Batiatus' father to stop him disowning his son, framing Tullius for the deed. Despite her loyalty to her husband, she regularly has sex with Crixus. Originally, she did this reluctantly in order to give Batiatus a child, but she develops genuine feelings for him. She jealously resents any other attention to Crixus and when Ilithyia requests a private session with him, she tricks Ilithyia into laying with Spartacus and reveals the event to Licinia. She eventually falls pregnant and assumes the child is Crixus'. She is furious when she realizes Crixus is in love with her body slave Naevia. She has Naevia sold and convinces Batiatus to poison Crixus' food so he will be unable to defeat Spartacus in an exhibition match. When the rebels take control of the villa, she is critically wounded by an angered Crixus, doing so to prevent her from bearing his child. She returns in season 2, where she is discovered by Glaber when he takes up residence in the former house of Batiatus. Being the only survivor of Spartacus's massacre, she becomes viewed as an oracle by the people. She was found and cleaned up by Ashur after the massacre, and at first trusts him because of this. He later turns on her and begins to rape her. Ashur also plans for Lucretia to become his wife after Glaber sets him free. Despite their previous animosity, she and Ilithyia slowly rekindle their friendship. However, in the season 2 finale, Lucretia turns on Ilithyia and kills her servants as she prepares to give birth to her child. Once the child is born, Lucretia claims it as her and Quintus' son. She then commits suicide by falling off a cliff, taking the baby with her.

Oenomaus

Portrayed by Peter Mensah.

<u>Doctore</u>, Gallic gladiator, and trainer of gladiators in Batiatus' *ludus*. He was rescued from the Pits as a young man by Titus Batiatus and in gratitude, pledges his loyalty to the House of Batiatus. He believes in the honor of the *ludus* and the House of Batiatus until he learns differently. He is married to Lucretia's body slave, Melitta, until her accidental death by poisoning and is good friends with Gannicus. He was a gladiator until he was seriously wounded in a battle against Theokoles and becomes the new Doctore when he is forced to kill the

previous one. Batiatus proposes to make Oenomaus master of the *ludus* if he is successful in his political ambition. He provides limited aid in the rebellion of the *ludus* and makes an unsuccessful attempt on Ashur. He keeps himself separated from the rebels at first, and resigns himself back to fighting in the Pits. He is captured by Ashur and tortured for information on Spartacus, eventually learning of the affair between Melitta and Gannicus. He is condemned, along with Crixus and Rhaskos, to fight to his death in the arena and angrily engages Gannicus. He is rescued by Spartacus, and Gannicus later joins the rebels. Oenomaus slowly begins to forgive him. His eye is damaged beyond medical help after a fight with the Egyptian. Oenomaus is slain in the season 2 finale following a brazen attack on the Romans to escape the mountaintop on which the slaves were trapped. Before dying, he tells Gannicus that he and Melitta will be waiting to greet him in the afterlife.

Crixus

Portrayed by Manu Bennett.

A Gaul, he is Batiatus' top gladiator, the lover of Lucretia and the "Champion of Capua". In *Gods of the Arena*, he is shown to be a slave of Tullius and hauls stone to build the new arena. After witnessing his potential, Batiatus purchases him to curry favor with Tullius. He rises in the ranks of the *ludus*, eventually becoming second only to Gannicus. When Gannicus earns his freedom, Crixus becomes the new Champion. He and Ashur are bitter enemies and he is revealed to have been the one who burnt and crippled Ashur in the opening games of the new arena. In *Blood and Sand*, he initially despises Spartacus and believes in the mark of the brotherhood, i.e. being a gladiator is a huge honor and service to the city. However, when paired in a match with Spartacus against an unbeaten foe, Theokoles, he is severely wounded, costing him the title. Spartacus emerges victorious from the match and becomes the new "Champion", giving Crixus more reason to hate him. Crixus is the object of lust for many women, but only desires to be with Naevia. Ashur discovers their affair and manipulates Crixus into revealing it to their masters. Once their affair is discovered, he is beaten and Naevia is sold off. He and Spartacus are scheduled to fight to the death and the two talk the day before. He originally refuses to join in Spartacus' rebellion but the two strike an accord; if Spartacus wins, he will find and free Naevia; if Crixus wins, the rebellion will not happen, but he will kill Batiatus one day. After Crixus discovers his food was drugged, he decides to take part in the rebellion, launching Spartacus into the balcony. He later sets out to find Naevia, and finds her in the mines. Though he is captured by the Romans and sentenced to death, Spartacus rescues him and he is finally reunited with Naevia. He helps her to fight like a warrior, so that she will never be anyone's slave again. When the rebellion causes their army to grow to hundreds of thousands, Crixus grows impatient and wishes to set foot to Rome, and take the city. He eventually does so, with Naevia, Agron, and many others, and although victory seems near, it is soon discovered they've been led to a trap, and Crixus is eventually beheaded by Tiberius, the son of Marcus Crassus, who leads the army against Spartacus. Spartacus hosts a series of games in his honor, much like the ones they used to have in the arena, where his strongest people fight the Roman soldiers they've captured.

Ashur

Portrayed by Nick E. Tarabay.

An <u>Assyrian</u> and former gladiator. It is shown in *Gods of the Arena* that he was acquired by Batiatus along with his fellow Syrian Dagan. Dagan does not speak the Roman tongue and Ashur is required to translate, often delivering incorrect translations to further his own needs. He and Dagan acquire the mark of the brotherhood after helping assault Vettius, rather than after the test against a seasoned gladiator. Though Dagan eventually earns the respect of the other gladiators with his combat skills, Ashur proves a much less competent fighter and

is the subject of constant scorn. At a party organised for the Capuan elite, he tricks Dagan into being raped by a Roman, after which even Dagan turns on him. In a desperate attempt to avoid deportation to the mines, he partially blinds Dagan. In the opening games for the new arena, he makes it to the *primus*, where he manages to kill his former comrade. His leg is then crippled by Crixus. In *Blood and Sand*, he now serves Batiatus as a bookkeeper and henchman. His cunning and talents serve Batiatus but also condemn his enemies. His machinations cost Barca and Pietros their lives. His aid proves invaluable in removing Calavius and Solonius. Batiatus promotes him from the *ludus* and makes him a part of his household as a result. He discovers Crixus and Naevia's affair and goads Crixus into revealing it to their masters. His treachery in the fate of Barca and Calavius is uncovered, which almost costs him his life at the hands of Oenomaus, however he manages to hide under a Roman soldier's corpse. In *Vengeance*, is it revealed that he managed to save Lucretia and stitched her wound. He uses his talents to serve Glaber, acquiring a fortune in the process. Although they are somewhat trusted partners at first, he later begins to rape Lucretia, and plans for her to become his wife after Glaber sets him free. Ilithyia manipulates Glaber into turning against Ashur and Ashur meets his end in the season 2 finale when he is forced to deliver a message to Spartacus and the slaves on Mt Vesuvius; turn over Spartacus and the Romans will go easy on the slaves. Crixus challenges Ashur to a fight, but Naevia insists on fighting him. Ashur defeats her, but his arrogance overcomes him and she takes advantage of the opportunity and decapitates him.

Naevia

Portrayed by <u>Lesley-Ann Brandt</u> (Prequel and Season 1), <u>Cynthia Addai-Robinson</u> (Season 2 and
 3)

Lucretia's personal and loyal slave. She becomes Crixus' love interest after he declares his affection. The two are seen by Ashur making love, and in attempt to gain vengeance on Crixus for crippling him, he asks for Naevia's purity from Batiatus. Naevia refuses to be with Crixus again and reveals to him that Batiatus has given her to another man. Though she refuses to mention who, Crixus finds out it is Ashur during an exhibition fight between Glaber's soldiers and Spartacus. He attacks Ashur, revealing their affair to all. She is sold after this, and Crixus vows to find her. After the rebellion, he sets out to seek information about her whereabouts, and eventually finds her in the deepest mines of Rome, taking her back with him. While she was sold from master to master, it's revealed some of them had done unspeakable things to her, and this forces Crixus to teach her how to fight like a warrior, so that no man will ever hurt her again. She becomes a strong warrior, having no difficulties defeating and killing many Roman soldiers. However, haunted by her past mistreatment at the hands of the Romans, Naevia develops a severe hatred toward anyone of Roman descent, be they soldiers or civilians. Her hatred causes a large rift between the major generals of the rebel army, particularly Spartacus, as well as Gannicus, after they refuse to kill the Roman families who were in a city they had taken. Eventually convincing Crixus to separate from Spartacus. The two of them, as well as the several thousand who followed them, begin marching toward the city of Rome itself, winning many skirmishes along the way. Just a few miles outside the city, they are cornered by Crassus' vastly larger army, and thus soundly defeated. She is forced to watch as Crixus is beheaded by Tiberius. Naevia, however, is spared and sent back to the rebel camp carrying Crixus' severed head as warning of Spartacus' demise. Games are held pitting Roman soldiers against gladiators in honor of Crixus, with Naevia to face a now captive Tiberius in the *primus*. Begrudgingly, sparing him for the purpose of trading him in order to regain 500 of the slaved defeated in battle, she later joins Spartacus in the final battle against Crassus. While aiding Gannicus in protecting their flank, Naevia is severely wounded after a

horseback rider slashes her jugular vein. Despite the fatal injury, she still attempts to engage Caesar, though she is swiftly bested. Forced to her knees from a slash to her kneecap, she is then stabbed in the neck, and through the heart (mirroring the manner in which Diona was killed) with her own sword.

Mira

Portrayed by Katrina Law.

One of Lucretia's house servants, who uses her to seduce Spartacus in order to ensure that he can perform sexually for her friend Licinia; however, Spartacus turns down her advances. Later, Mira develops real feelings for Spartacus and becomes his lover and aids him in the rebellion by opening the gates to the villa. In season 2 she continues to aid Spartacus, becoming a skilled archer and warrior in her own right. Despite his affection for her, she realizes she ultimately cannot replace Spartacus' wife Sura. Spartacus loses trust in her when she tries to murder the captured Ilithyia. While trapped on Mt Vesuvius, she helps Spartacus rescue a group of rebels attempting to escape the surrounding Roman forces and is struck by an axe, launched by Salvius, Glaber's new second in command. She dies in Spartacus' arms and Spartacus is devastated by her death.

Gaius Claudius Glaber

Portrayed by Craig Parker.

Husband of Ilithyia. A Roman army *legatus* who is responsible for Spartacus' enslavement as a gladiator. Glaber requested the aid of Spartacus' tribe of Thracians in return for Roman aid against their enemies. When Glaber's interests changed, the Thracians rebelled and Glaber put down the insurrection. He then sold Spartacus' wife Sura to a Syrian slave trader and sentenced Spartacus to death in the arena. When Spartacus defeats his opponents, he reluctantly sells Spartacus to the *ludus* of Batiatus. Many months later, after it is revealed to him that his wife murdered Licinia, the cousin of Marcus Crassus, he is forced to grant Batiatus patronage in his quest to gain political station. In *Vengence*, he is tasked by the Senate with ending the rebellion. He vows to find Spartacus and bring him to his knees, whatever the cost. He resorts to ever more murderous tactics to secure this goal; murdering Seppius to gain control of his men and enlisting Ashur to recruit former gladiators as a personal hit squad. His marriage to Ilithyia becomes strained and is unaware that the child she carries is not his. He is devastated when he discovers she plans to dissolve their marriage and abort their child. He ruins these plans when he kills her father, Albinius. After she is taken by Gannicus and thought to be dead, Glaber begins an affair with Seppia. When Spartacus offers to trade Ilithyia for weapons and armor, Glaber refuses the deal, essentially condemning his wife. Despite this, Ilithyia returns and saves Glaber from Seppia, who planned on killing him after she discovered he murdered her brother. Glaber and Ilithyia then reunite. Glaber finally tracks Spartacus to Mt Vesuvius and traps them on the mountain, intending to starve them out. Spartacus and his followers escape the mountaintop and began bombarding the Roman army with his own siege equipment. During the battle, Spartacus and Glaber fight once more with Spartacus finally slaying his hated foe by stabbing him through the chest, then ramming his blade down his throat.

Ilithyia

Portrayed by Viva Bianca.

The daughter of senator Albinius and wife of Glaber and another one of the series antagonists. She hates Spartacus for embarrassing her husband and forms a close friendship with Lucretia, frequently visiting the ludus. Her interest in the ludus impels her to purchase her own gladiator, Segovax, whom she pressures to kill Spartacus. The attempt is unsuccessful and Segovax is crucified, though her involvement is not proven. An arrangement where Ilithyia has sex with Crixus is set up, but a jealous Lucretia instead has a masked Ilithyia lay with a masked Spartacus. Licinia, cousin of Marcus Crassus, and Lucretia interrupt, causing Ilithyia to kill Licinia. Ilithyia then seduces the boy Numerius into having Varro, Spartacus's only friend, put to death by Spartacus. A petty and cowardly woman, Ilithyia escapes during the revolt but unregretfully causes the death of many friends by ordering the doors lockeds to prevent anyone escaping as the rebels go on a murderous rampage through the *ludus*. In *Vengence*, she is pregnant and although not confirmed until much later, she actually carries Spartacus' child. After being forced to return to Capua while her husband hunts Spartacus, she reunites with Lucretia and they slowly become friends again. When Glaber neglects her, she plans to dissolve her marriage to Glaber and become Varinius' wife. This plan is ruined when her father is killed. Glaber then turns from her. When she is kidnapped by Gannicus, Glaber begins an affair with Seppia and does not honor a deal with Spartacus for Ilithyia's release. Ilithyia later returns after Spartacus lets her go, and kills Seppia, who was about to kill Glaber. They then reunite, bonded by vengeance and his ambition to gain power in Rome. But after Glaber tells her to kill Lucretia, Ilithyia is about to do so when her water breaks. Lucretia, revealing that all along she has been madly set on bringing a child at last to her husband, kills the servants, cuts the baby from her womb and falls over the cliff with it. Ilithyia, who had crawled out to stop Lucretia, bears witness to this and then dies from shock and blood loss.

Agron

Portrayed by Dan Feuerriegel.

A German slave, who was sold to the house of Batiatus along with his younger brother Duro. Agron and his brother are the first to join Spartacus in his plan to rebel and take back their freedom. When the plan is set in motion and the slave revolt starts, Agron fights by Spartacus' side and slavs many guards. He is overcome with rage when his brother is murdered during the revolt, and vows to avenge his death. He joins Spartacus when they escape the *ludus*, and becomes his right hand as they take on Roman guards that have been sent after them. He and Spartacus go their own ways when it's revealed that Agron lied about Neavia's supposed death, as he does not wish to see many men die in the search for one single person. He and others set foot to Vesuvius, where they reunite with Spartacus again later, who has found Neavia. Agron later becomes the lover of Nasir, a young slave whom he supervised after he was rescued from his fate after Spartacus and the rebels kill his master. Agron continues to fight by Spartacus' side, but his relationship with Nasir becomes unstable when a pirate named Castus shows interest in Nasir. Although Agron and Nasir eventually work out their problems, they are separated when Agron decides to join Crixus in his plan to take the city of Rome (believing that a peaceful life was not meant for him), while asking Nasir to remain with Spartacus, as he knows Spartacus and his group will have a better chance of surviving. Crixus' army is defeated by the Romans, but several are captured alive, and Agron, refusing to give up Spartacus' location, is crucified. Gaius Julius Caesar, however, makes a deal with Spartacus; he will return Spartacus' people who have been captured, in return for Kore, a former slave of Crassus, whom he loved deeply. Thus, Agron is returned to the rebels, and reunited with Nasir.

As the rebels prepare for the final battle, it is revealed that Agron is still damaged in the hands from his crucifixion; and can't hold a sword properly until they fully heal, much to Agron's frustration and impatience. Nasir, however, crafts him a shield with a sword attached to it, allowing Agron to participate after all despite

being originally ordered not to by Spartacus at first. During the finale battle, Agron slays many Romans, and ultimately comes to Spartacus' aid when he is mortally wounded. He brings Spartacus to the foot of the mountain, where he eventually dies in Agron's arms. They have also received word that some of the rebels who set foot to the mountain before the battle began, had been captured or killed by the Romans. In the end, Agron and Nasir are two of the only warriors to survive, along with over hundreds of slaves. This makes Agron one of only a few gladiators from Batiatus' ludus, as well as the only prominent one from the first season, to have survived the rebellion.

Gannicus

Portrayed by Dustin Clare.

A Celt slave who becomes Quintus' first champion, a position left vacant by the grave injury suffered by Gannicus' close friend Oenomaus at the hands of Theokoles. In an effort to win favor with Quintillius Varis, a man of much influence who is in Capua selecting gladiators for his games, Lucretia invites Varis to the *ludus* to get better acquainted with the Batiatus gladiators. During the visit, a depraved Varis requests to see Gannicus in action, and Gannicus is forced to have sex with Lucretia's personal slave and Oenomaus' wife, Melitta. Neither Gannicus nor Melitta enjoy having to perform for the Romans, and their relationship with each other and Oenomaus becomes strained (though Oenomaus is unaware of what has happened). Meanwhile, Gannicus' flashy style and cavalier attitude gain him much favor with the spectators and Quintus, but are met with indignation by Titus Batiatus upon the pater familias' return to the *ludus*. Titus, feeling pressure to mend social and political relationships scarred by Quintus' actions, agrees to sell Gannicus to Tullius. Before Gannicus can be sold, Lucretia poisons Titus and Melitta (by accident), killing both and framing Tullius. Now that Quintus is head of the household, he decides to keep Gannicus and gain revenge on Tullius. Quintus finally regains the social standing his father willingly parted with, and manages to enter his men into the opening games of the Capua arena. The winners of each round meet in the Primus, and Gannicus wins after defeating Solonius' best gladiators. In an act of betrayal, Solonius convinces Varis to award Gannicus his freedom, thereby robbing the house of Batiatus of their only proven champion. Gannicus returns to Capua during the events of Vengeance after being hired to execute the captured rebels in the arena. After Spartacus's attack on the arena, he helps the rebels get the wounded Oenomaus to safety. Despite pleas to join their cause, he returns to Capua and Glaber tries to force him to join his army against the rebels. In response, Gannicus kidnaps Ilithvia and delivers her to Spartacus, thinking that if Spartacus kills the woman of the man who killed his, the rebellion will end with no more bloodshed. However, Spartacus spares her and Gannicus, having given up everything, is forced to stay with the rebels. While cynical of Spartacus' cause at first, he is won over with the help of Oenomaus, who has forgiven Gannicus for his forced relationship with Melitta, and serves a vital role in the rebellion. After the rebels gain several thousand more freed slaves, Spartacus tries to groom Gannicus to become a leader, which Gannicus refuses time and time again. He is involved in a relationship with Saxa, but ultimately leaves her for Sibyl, a young slave he helped free after taking over the city of Sinuessa en Valle. Hours before the final battle, Gannicus finally agrees to become a leader, so that the rebels may have a better chance. He approaches Crassus' army from behind with his own group, distracting him from Spartacus. Gannicus easily slays many Romans, and is horrified to see both Saxa and Naevia die in front of him. He is ultimately cornered by the Romans, and

captured by Caesar. Gannicus is then crucified along with thousands of other rebels. In his final moments, Gannicus sees his old friend Oenamaus, and imagines being back in the arena again, with everyone cheering his name.

Other characters

Blood and Sand

House of Batiatus

- Aulus (Mark Mitchinson). Batiatus' hitman. He retrieves Sura on Batiatus' orders and murders her.
 He is choked to death by Spartacus once he learns that Aulus killed Sura under Batiatus' orders.
- Aurelia (Brooke Williams). Free Roman wife of Varro. Attempting to take care of their child after Varro sells himself as a gladiator, she is raped by an acquaintance. When Varro spurns her afterwards, she murders the rapist and they reconcile. After Varro's death at Spartacus' hand, she aborts the rapist's child and sells herself into slavery to see their child provided for. Seeking revenge upon Spartacus, she learns that the death was not his doing, but that of Numerius. During the rebellion, she kills the young Roman, while screaming for Varro. Spartacus later gives her a chance to flee Capua to start a new life, but she is captured and tortured. She dies desiring that Spartacus and the rebellion stay away from her family.
- Barca (Antonio Te Maioha). Nicknamed the "Beast of Carthage", he is one of Batiatus' most successful gladiators. He served as <u>bodyguard</u> and <u>hit man</u> for his master. Barca attempted to save up enough money to buy freedom for himself and his lover, Pietros. However, due to Ashur's machinations to avoid paying Barca money owed from losing a bet, questions regarding the latest murder committed on the part of Batiatus arise, resulting in Batiatus luring Barca into an ambush and murdering him.
- Duro (Ande Cunningham). Younger brother of Agron. Clearly not as proficient a fighter as Agron, he is often saved in combat by him. In the slave revolt, he pushes Agron out of the way of an attacking guard and is mortally wounded in his place. He dies in Agron's arms saying: "This time, it's me who saves you, brother".
- Gnaeus (Raicho Vasilev). A Dacian gladiator who fights in the unconventional retiarius style. Killed by Spartacus after Gnaeus's abuses led to Pietros's suicide.
- Hamilcar (Siaosi Fonua). A Sardinian gladiator, killed during the revolt.
- Hector (Tim Foley). A guard. Naevia steals his gate key to lay with Crixus. While harassing Mira about the key, Spartacus scars his face by pushing it into a burning lantern. After Batiatus discovers he was the one who lost his key, he is beheaded.
- Kerza (Karlos Drinkwater). A captured fugitive who is forced to become a gladiator. He is killed in the Pits.
- Medicus (<u>David Austin</u>). Employed to treat the gladiators' injuries. He dies off-screen of dysentery in the sewers.
- Pietros (<u>Eka Darville</u>). Lover of Barca and slave of Batiatus. He dreams of freedom with Barca once enough money has been earned to buy their freedom. However, after Barca's demise, Pietros is left without a protector. Gnaeus soon begins raping and beating Pietros, leading Pietros to hang himself.
- Rabanus (Andrew Stehlin). A Sardinian gladiator. Later a prominent rebel. He is crucified by Crassus's men after the Final battle.
- Rhaskos (Ioane King). A Gaul gladiator who admires Crixus and gladly joins the revolt after seeing Crixus launch Spartacus into the balcony. He is among those captured during their attempt to

rescue Naevia from the mines and falls in the arena before Spartacus is able to launch his rescue attempt.

- Segovax (Mike Edward). A slave purchased by Batiatus. He fights under Ilithyia, who has him attempt to kill Spartacus in exchange of freedom. He is stopped by Crixus, and later emasculated and crucified by his fellow gladiators.
- Varro (Jai Courtney). A Roman citizen who sold himself to the <u>ludus</u> to support his family, also a good friend of Spartacus. Varro is killed when Numerius forces Spartacus to kill him after a duel that was simply for show. He left behind a son and a pregnant wife, Aurelia, who was raped by one of his old friends.

Other gladiators

- Anubis (Marcus Johnson II). The editor of the games held in The Pits of The Underworld.
- Ixion (Campbell Cooley). Fierce warrior who fights in The Pits. He wears the severed faces of his killed foes. He is responsible for Kerza's death, and meets his own end when Spartacus kills him with his own axe.
- Pericles (Thomas Kiwi). The Champion of Pompeii. Killed by Crixus in the Pompeii Games.
- Theokoles (Reuben De Jong). An albino Spartan towering above all of his opponents (the actor who plays him stands 6' 10"). He was undefeated and had previously defeated as many as 100 men in a single spectacle. He has won many fortunes and his freedom several times, but continues to fight high-profile matches. Immensely strong and impervious to pain, Theokoles was unbeaten prior to the Shadow Games episode. Oenomaus, who is the only man to survive a battle with Theokoles (and still bears the scars of the match), personally trains Spartacus and Crixus for the spectacle. Theokoles meets his end during a match between himself, Crixus and Spartacus, the former's aid allowing Spartacus to become the victor.

Other characters

- Aemilia (Mia Pistorius). Friend and follower of Licinia and Ilithyia, murdered during the revolt.
- Albinius (Kevin J. Wilson). A Roman senator and Ilithyia's father. Is killed by Glaber in Spartacus: Vengeance.
- Caecilia (<u>Tania Nolan</u>). Friend and follower of Licinia and Ilithyia. Murdered off-screen during the revolt.
- Domitia (Janine Burchett). The wife of magistrate Calavius and mother of Numerius. She is slain during the rebellion.
- Iovis (Josh Randall). Glaber's toughest guard/soldier. Killed by Oenomaus during the revolt.
- Licinia (Brooke Harman) (credited as Brooke Harmon). A rich Roman noblewoman and cousin of Marcus Licinius Crassus, a Roman senator. She is a friend of Ilithyia and visits Lucretia, asking to partake of the pleasures of the *ludus*, i.e. a sexual encounter with a gladiator. She asks for Spartacus by name, being attracted to him. When she and Lucretia discover Ilithyia having sex with Spartacus, she wonders at the tale of the wife of Glaber sleeping with his most hated enemy. Enraged, Ilithyia kills Licinia. Licinia's murder is used by Batiatus to extort patronage from the *legatus*.
- Marcus Decius Solonius (Craig Walsh-Wrightson). A Capuan *lanista* and rival of Batiatus. It is shown in *Gods of the Arena* that he and Batiatus were close friends, but became enemies by the season finale. He tries to bring down Batiatus, but is ultimately caught in the webs of Batiatus and condemned to die in the arena, being framed for the murder of magistrate Calavius. He is slain by Spartacus, but not before the gladiator informs him that Batiatus and his entire house will follow Solonius to the underworld. Solonius dies laughing to the roar of the crowd.

- Mercato (Greg Ward). A Roman politician and grandson of Marcus Minucius Rufus, a famous conqueror of the Thracians. Although the original character's name was Erebus, the name was changed to Mercato prior to filming. He is present at most of the games at the arena and is killed when the pulvinus collapses on top of him.
- Numerius Calavius (Lliam Powell). The son of magistrate Calavius with a fascination for gladiators, Spartacus in particular. Seduced by Ilithyia, he orders the death of Varro to please her. During the rebellion, he is killed by a vengeful Aurelia, wife of Varro.
- Ovidius (Matthew Chamberlain). A Capuan businessman to whom Batiatus owes money. After attempting to have Batiatus killed, he and his family are killed in revenge. He is Titus Calavius' cousin.
- Pompeii Magistrate (Philip Grieve).
- Ramel (Jon Brazier). A Capuan merchant of jewels. He sells Lucretia an expensive emerald necklace, but will only accept half the price when she attempts to return it.
- Sextus (Andrew Laing). Husband of Aemilia. Killed by Spartacus at the beginning of the revolt after Batiatus shields himself. Revealed in Vengeance to be the cousin of Seppius and Seppia.
- Sura (<u>Erin Cummings</u>). The wife of Spartacus. She is enslaved after her husband rebels against
 the Romans. Batiatus purchases her, but has Aulus murder her in order to break Spartacus' desire
 for escape. She appears to Spartacus through dreams and visions and encourages his quest for
 vengence.
- Titus Calavius (<u>John Bach</u>). Magistrate of Capua. He and his family become close to Batiatus but when Batiatus expresses interest in pursuing politics, he insults Batiatus, leading to a scheme where he is murdered in the sewers beneath Capua. The murder is then pinned on Solonius.

Gods of the Arena

Romans

- Gaia (<u>Jaime Murray</u>) a Roman social climber; a close friend of Lucretia. She is struck by a
 concrete statue and murdered by Tullius during a party hosted by Lucretia in an attempt to gain
 the favor of the Capuan elite. Despite Lucretia's protest, Titus has Gaia's body and belongings
 hurled over the cliff to make her murder look like an accident.
- Titus Batiatus (<u>Jeffrey Thomas</u>), father of Quintus who disapproves of his son's efforts to gain power. He is slowly poisoned and eventually killed by Lucretia in order to prevent him from disowning her and his son Batiatus.
- Tullius, a very rich and influential Roman and enemy of Batiatus. Tullius is responsible for the construction of the grand arena in Capua (seen in both seasons 1 and 2). He is tortured and eventually sealed alive within the walls of the very arena he built by Batiatus and his group of vengeful gladiators.
- Vettius, a rival lanista to both Batiatus and Solonius. Young, arrogant and short tempered, he holds a close business relationship with Tullius virtually allowing him full control of his ludus. When Tullius is bricked into the walls of the arena by Batiatus, Solonius blackmails Vettius into surrendering his Ludus over to him as well as leaving Capua forever.

 Cossutius, a wealthy man who lives outside of Capua and is easily the most depraved character in the entire series. He is impaled through the chest and killed by a javelin thrown by Spartacus during his attack on the arena.

Slaves

- Auctus (<u>Josef Brown</u>) A Greek gladiator. A lover of Barca with whom he shares a penchant for hazing new gladiators. He is killed by Crixus during their match in the old arena.
- Dagan (Shane Rangi) A Syrian slave and Ashur's comrade. He does not speak the Roman tongue and requires Ashur to translate, often being duped in the process. Despite earning the mark of the brotherhood without fighting a seasoned gladiator, he proves himself in the arena and earns their respect, unlike Ashur. He is tricked into being raped by a Roman during a party, after which he turns on Ashur. His future as a gladiator is ruined after Ashur blinds him in one eye. In the opening games of the arena, he makes it to the primus and attempts to kill Ashur. However, Ashur outwits and defeats him.
- Diona (Jessica Grace Smith) A servant in the house of Batiatus. A close friend of Naevia. After being chosen as a sex slave by Cossutius and repeatedly raped thereafter for Roman entertainment, she changes from a spirited youth to a broken and bitter woman. Not wishing to see her friend further deteriorate, Naevia aids in Diona's escape from the Ludus. She is later caught and executed with other fugitive slaves prior to the opening games of the new arena, leaving Neavia to bear witness to her demise.
- Ulpius (<u>Temuera Morrison</u>) The former Doctore of the ludus. Ulpius is an adherent of tradition and disapproves of Batiatus' methods of furthering the ludus such as fighting in the street, giving recruits the mark without taking the final test, and using Barca as a bodyguard. Batiatus eventually informs Ulpius of his plans to replace him with his student Oenamaus. Ulpius forces Oenamaus to fight him in a fit of jealousy, despite the other's reluctance, and he is eventually killed by his replacement.
- Melitta (Marisa Ramirez) Wife of Oenamaus. She was Lucretia's trusted body slave prior to Naevia's tenure. Immensely popular among both her fellow slaves as well as her masters, Melitta was often allowed to speak freely among her masters without being prompted, a punishable offense under any other circumstance. She is eventually forced to sleep with Ganicus, a dear friend to both her and Oenamaus, in order to entertain Senator Varrus and earn Gannicus a place in his Primus (the main event of the arena games). Consequently, she begins developing feelings for Gannicus despite her constant denial. She is accidentally killed when she drinks poisoned wine meant for Titus, and dies a rather violent death in Gannicus's arms.

Vengeance

Rebels

- Chadara (<u>Bonnie Sveen</u>) a freed slave from the same house as Nasir. First having inclinations to Spartacus, she seduces Rhaskos to secure her position among the rebels and struggles to find a new protector after he is killed. She then steals the rebels' map and coin and attempts to give them up to the Romans. Mira accidentally kills her when she tries to flee.
- Donar (<u>Heath Jones</u>) a German rebel; originally a gladiator from the House of Batiatus and often shown following Spartacus or Agron. After the fall of Sinuessa to the Romans, he is captured and sentenced to be executed by Caesar. His chains are secretly unlocked by Tiberius and he engages Caesar. He is eventually defeated but impales himself on his sword to rob Caesar of the honor of killing him. Crassus later mounts his crucified body in a tent upon the ravine as a taunt to the rebels.

- Lugo (Barry Duffield) a German slave rescued by the rebels from the slave ship. He is the first to swear loyalty to Spartacus and is shown to be merry and liked by all. He is killed in the final battle with Crassus.
- Nasir (Pana Hema Taylor) is a Syrian rebel and the lover of Agron. He is at first angry after the murder of his master due to his loss of position. He tries to murder Spartacus in revenge but Spartacus spares his life. He later becomes one of Spartacus' most loyal soldiers and escapes over the mountains with Agron and over hundreds of other slaves.
- Nemetes (<u>Ditch Davey</u>). A Germannic rebel among those rescued from the slave ship. He is in a relationship with Saxa, until she leaves him for Gannicus. A greedy man, he has taken to acquiring all the coin he can while in Sinuessa en Valle and is furious when Spartacus confiscates it to pay the pirate Heracleo. He becomes friends with Caesar while the Roman is posing as a rebel. When Caesar reveals himself, he attempts to turn on Spartacus to save his own life but Caesar kills him regardless, to his surprise and horror.
- Saxa (Ellen Hollman) a German slave rescued by the rebels from the slave ship. Violent and bloodthirsty, she is known for leaping on her opponents and stabbing them with knives. She later becomes Gannicus' lover as well as to the slave Belesa until Gannicus leaves her for Sibyl. She is killed in the final battle with Crassus and dies in Gannicus' arms.
- Sedullus (Conan Stevens). A Germannic rebel rescued from the slave ship. He is dismissive of Spartacus and his rules as well as jealous of Agron for being the one the other Germanics turn to most, preferring to be leader and enjoy his newfound freedom. He attempts to rape Naevia and is attacked by Agron, Crixus and Spartacus. Spartacus kills him and the remaining German rebels agree to follow Spartacus.
- Thessela (Sarah Holder) Ilithyia's body slave; crucified by Roman Soldiers, on the orders of Glaber to spite his wife.

Romans

- Seppius (<u>Tom Hobbs</u>) a young Capua citizen of note and brother of Seppia. An ally of Publius Varinius, he wishes to strip the honor of capturing Spartacus from Glaber. He is jealously protective of his sister and considers turning on Varinius after witnessing the *praetor* flirt with her. Glaber organises his murder in order to add Seppius' soldiers to his own army and makes it appear he was killed by his own slaves.
- Seppia (Hanna Mangan-Lawrence) the younger sister of Seppius. She attempts to secure Varinius as a husband until Ilithyia humiliates her inability to torture a captured rebel. After her brother's murder, she moves in with Glaber and Ilithyia. When Ilithyia is captured by Gannicus, she seduces Glaber and becomes his lover. Lucretia tells Seppia the truth about her brother's murder and Seppia tries to kill Glaber. Glaber is saved by Ilithyia, who kills Seppia.
- <u>Publius Varinius</u> (Brett Tucker) Glaber's chief political rival and fellow <u>praetor</u>. He is the target of the romantic desires of both Seppia and Ilithyia. Ilithyia and her father try to dissolve her marriage to Glaber so she may marry Varinius, though this plan is halted after her father's death. Varinius

attacks Spartacus at Mt Vesuvius and is captured. Moments later, he is pushed by Crixus and killed by a flaming projectile hurled by Glaber's men after Glaber attacks Spartacus as his turn.

Others

 The Egyptian (Stephen Dunlevy) - a silent but deadly Egyptian taken from prison by Ashur to aid Glaber in his struggle against Spartacus. Killed by Oenomaus and Gannicus in the battle at Mt Vesuvius.

War of the Damned

Rebels

- Castus (Blessing Mokgohloa) A pirate in league with Heracleo who falls for Nasir, earning the enmity of Agron. He gets drunk and is left behind by his fellow pirates and is therefore not part of their betrayal. After spending a brief period as a captive of the rebels, he is eventually accepted into their ranks. He falls in the final battle against Crassus' army.
- Diotimos (Kelson Henderson) A slave escaped from Sinuessa en Valle and a friend of Sibyl. He joins Spartacus army and provides details that help them take the city. He returns to his former villa to rescue his fellow slaves but is mortally wounded by his former master who is then killed by Gannicus in turn, avenging him.
- Kore (Jenna Lind) a loyal slave to her lover Marcus Crassus, the Roman tasked to bring an end to Spartacus and his rebellion. Her deep feelings for her master are tested when she is raped by his son, Tiberius. Crassus' enduring loyalty for his son drives her to flee and join the rebellion. When Tiberius is captured and exchanged for 500 rebels, Kore kills him in a fit of rage. In order that the exchange will be honored, she returns to Crassus in his stead. Though she and Caesar lie to Crassus about who killed Tiberius, Spartacus inadvertently reveals the truth which she then give to Crassus. After the rebels are defeated, Crassus forgives her for killing Tiberius as well as earning her forgiveness for not being aware of her suffering, but is forced to have her crucified for aiding the rebellion in the end; much to his sadness.
- Sibyl (Gwendoline Taylor) a devout, young slave and friend of Diotimos. She is saved by Gannicus when the rebels sack Sinuessa en Valle. She falls in love with him. Though he initially ridicules her youth and naivete, he eventually becomes her lover. She is one of the few slaves to survive to flee over the mountains to true freedom.

Romans

- Attius (Cohen Holloway) A Roman blacksmith living in Sinuessa en Valle. He is acquainted with Gannicus. When Spartacus and Gannicus arrive with plans to take the city, he secretly crafts them swords and then is blackmailed into helping. He is shown to be disturbed by the actions of the rebels after their success and is particularly antagonistic with Crixus and Naevia, who do not trust him. When Laeta hides the surviving Romans, Naevia assumes he is responsible and beats him to death in his forge.
- Gaius Julius Caesar (Todd Lasance) younger version of famous Roman dictator Gaius Julius Caesar. Serves as Tribune in Crassus' army. Caesar's participation in this series is entirely fictional as there is no record of Caesar's involvement in the Third Servile War, although Caesar was indeed Tribune under Crassus at the time. Caesar is sent to Sinuessa en Valle to pose as a rebel slave and help bring the rebels down from the inside. He is ultimately successful and rejoins Crassus after the surviving rebels flee into the mountains. He loathes Tiberius and battles him for Crassus attention and favor. He becomes aware of Kore's rape by Tiberius and schemes to have

Crassus made aware of the act, however Tiberius outmaneuvers and eludes him at almost every turn. He is nearly killed by Crixus before the gladiator is ambushed from behind by Tiberius; much to Caesar's anger. He manipulates Tiberius's capture by the rebels but is then forced to negotiate his release. In the final battle, he kills a dying Naevia and is almost bested by Gannicus before the rebel is overwhelmed by the number of Roman soldiers. He shares Crassus' victory in the end and reluctantly allows Pompey to usurp them.

- Laeta (Anna Hutchison) a privileged wife of a Roman dignitary who becomes entangled in the struggle against Spartacus. After the fall of Sinuessa en Valle, she negotiates with Spartacus to keep herself and her fellow captive Romans alive. When liberated by Crassus, she is sold to Heracleo and branded a slave. She escapes after killing the pirate captain, joins the rebellion and becomes Spartacus' lover. She is one of the few slaves to survive to flee over the mountains to true freedom.
- Marcus Licinius Crassus (Simon Merrells) the main antagonist of *War of the Damned*; the richest man in Rome and a senator of the Republic tasked with bringing end to the rebellion. He is shown to be a skilled military strategist, manipulator and warrior. He is also shown to have significant disdain for the Roman elite who, despite his wealth, sneer at his lack of name. After being asked by the Senate to finance an army to take down the rebels, he is forced to share leadership. He artfully organizes the deaths of the other commanders and is given sole command. He takes his slave Kore as a lover and shows her great affection, even asking her to accompany him while he engages Spartacus and is devastated when she joins the rebellion to escape his son. Despite the harsh treatment he shows his son Tiberius after his defeat, he loves him and pushes him to succeed. Crassus shows admiration for Spartacus, despite their opposing sides, and appears truly distraught when Spartacus is ambushed from behind by his dishonorable men, robbing Crassus the honor of killing him in fair contest. Despite his victory over Spartacus and his army, Crassus glory is stolen by Pompey but it takes this in good stride, knowing that with Pompey as an ally, he and Caesar will form a powerful force in Rome.
- Tiberius Licinius Crassus (Christian Antidormi) fictional son of Crassus who is desirous of his father's approval, which leads to him suffering an early defeat and losing his father's respect. After being forced to kill his best friend Sabinus, he rapes his father's slave lover Kore as revenge and secret hopes to overthrow his father to take over. He becomes aggressively ambitious and a rival with Caesar for Crassus' attention. He kills Crixus while the former gladiator is distracted by Caesar. He is later captured by Spartacus and sentenced to be killed by Naevia. However, he is traded back to Crassus for 500 rebels captured when Crixus fell. Before this can happen, he is killed by a vengeful Kore.
- Sabinius (<u>Aaron Jakubenko</u>) Tiberius' friend and second in command. When Crassus punishes
 Tiberius' army with decimation, Sabinus draws the unlucky stone and is beaten to death by his
 fellow soldiers, including a distraught Tiberius.

Others

Heracleo (Vince Colosimo) - A Cilician pirate. He raids rival trading ships with the secret blessing of Laeta's husband. He initially helps Spartcus (even calling him King Spartacus) by selling food to the rebels in Sinuessa en Valle. However, he betrays them to the Romans in return for gold and Laeta. After he brands Laeta as a slave, he is distracted by Gannicus and killed by Laeta.

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