***Section 1: Bravery and strategy in battle***

*Caesar tells of the bravery and heroism of two of his centurions at the very heart of battle, whilst dealing with revolt in Gaul.*

Erant in ea legione fortissimi viri, centuriones, qui primis ordinibus

appropinquarent, Titus Pullo et Lucius Vorenus. Hi perpetuas inter se

controversias habebant, quinam anteferretur, omnibusque annis de

locis summis simultatibus contendebant. Ex his Pullo, cum

acerrime ad munitiones pugnaretur, "Quid dubitas," inquit, (5)

" Vorene? aut quem locum tuae probandae virtutis exspectas ? hic dies

de nostris controversiis iudicabit." Haec cum dixisset, procedit extra

munitiones quaque pars hostium confertissma est visa irrumpit.

ne Vorenus quidem tum sese vallo continet, sed omnium veritus

existimationem subsequitur. Mediocri spatio relicto Pullo (10)

pilum in hostes immittit atque unum ex multitudine procurrentem

traicit; quo percusso et exanimato hunc scutis protegunt, in hostem

tela universi coniciunt neque dant regrediendi facultatem.

transfigitur scutum Pulloni et verutum in balteo defigitur. Avertit

hic casus vaginam et gladium educere conanti dextram moratur (15)

manum, impeditumque hostes circumsistunt. Succurrit inimicus illi

Vorenus et laboranti subvenit. Ad hunc se confestim a Pullone

omnis multitudo convertit: illum veruto arbitrantur occisum. Gladio

comminus rem gerit Vorenus atque uno interfecto reliquos paulum

propellit; dum cupidius instat, in locum deiectus inferiorem (20)

concidit. Huic rursus circumvento fert subsidium Pullo, atque ambo

incolumes compluribus interfectis summa cum laude sese intra

munitiones recipiunt. Sic fortuna in contentione et certamine

utrumque versavit, ut alter alteri inimicus auxilio salutique esset,

neque diiudicari posset, uter utri virtute anteferendus videretur. (25)

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***Section 2: Caesar at the heart of battle against the Belgae***

Caesari omnia uno tempore erant agenda: vexillum proponendum,

quod erat insigne, cum ad arma concurri oporteret; signum tuba

dandum; ab opere revocandi milites; qui paulo longius aggeris

petendi causa processerant arcessendi; acies instruenda; milites

cohortandi; signum dandum. Quarum rerum magnam partem (5)

temporis brevitas et incursus hostium impediebat. His

difficultatibus duae res erant subsidio, scientia atque usus militum,

quod superioribus proeliis exercitati quid fieri oporteret non minus

commode ipsi sibi praescribere quam ab aliis doceri poterant, et

quod ab opere singulisque legionibus singulos legatos Caesar(10)

discedere nisi munitis castris vetuerat. Hi propter propinquitatem et

celeritatem hostium nihil iam Caesaris imperium expectabant, sed

per se quae videbantur administrabant.

***Section 3: Inspiration for the fight.***

*In AD 60-61, Suetonius and Boudicca meet in battle. They both make speeches to inspire their forces (you should be aware, therefore, that Tacitus writes the first two of these three speeches as reported speech).*

Boudicca curru filias prae se vehens, ut quamque nationem

accesserat, solitum quidem Britannis feminarum ductu bellare

testabatur, sed tunc non ut tantis maioribus ortam regnum et opes,

verum ut unam e vulgo libertatem amissam, confectum verberibus

corpus, contrectatam filiarum pudicitiam ulcisci. eo provectas (5)

Romanorum cupidines, ut non corpora, ne senectam quidem aut

virginitatem impollutam relinquant. adesse tamen deos iustae

vindictae; cecidisse legionem, quae proelium ausa sit; ceteros

castris occultari aut fugam circumspicere. ne strepitum quidem

et clamorem tot milium, nedum impetus et manus perlaturos. si (10)

copias armatorum, si causas belli secum expenderent, vincendum

illa acie vel cadendum esse. id mulieri destinatum: viverent viri et

servirent.

ne Suetonius quidem in tanto discrimine silebat. quamquam

confideret virtuti, tamen exhortationes et preces miscebat, ut (15)

spernerent sonores barbarorum et inanes minas: plus illic

feminarum quam iuventutis adspici. imbelles inermes cessuros

statim, ubi ferrum virtutemque vincentium totiens fusi adgnovissent.

etiam in multis legionibus paucos, qui proelia profligarent;

gloriaque eorum accessurum, quod modica manus universi (20)

exercitus famam adipiscerentur. conferti tantum et pilis emissis

post umbonibus et gladiis stragem caedemque continuarent,

praedae immemores: parta victoria cuncta ipsis cessura. is ardor

verba ducis sequebatur, ita se ad intorquenda pila expedierat vetus

miles et multa proeliorum experientia, ut certus eventus Suetonius (25)

daret pugnae signum.

Ac primum legio gradu immota et angustias loci pro munimento

retinens, postquam in propius suggressos hostes certo iactu tela

exhauserat, velut cuneo erupit. idem auxiliarium impetus; et eques

protentis hastis perfringit quod obvium et validum erat. ceteri terga (30)

praebuere, difficili effugio, quia circumiecta vehicula saepserant

abitus. et miles ne mulierum quidem neci temperabat, confixaque

telis etiam iumenta corporum cumulum auxerant. clara et antiquis

victoriis par ea die laus parta: quippe sunt qui paulo minus quam

octoginta milia Britannorum cecidisse tradant, militum (35)

quadringentis ferme interfectis nec multo amplius vulneratis.

Boudicca vitam veneno finivit. et Poenius Postumus, praefectus

castrorum secundae legionis, cognitis quartadecimanorum

vicesimanorumque prosperis rebus, quia pari gloria legionem suam

fraudaverat abnueratque contra ritum militiae iussa ducis, se ipse (40)

gladio transegit.

***Section 4, Marital conflict***

*Cicero writes to his friend, Atticus, telling him of the problems that Cicero’s brother, Quintus, is having in his marriage to Pomponia, sister of Atticus:*

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