

Position Paper For The Joint Crisis Committee on The Third Servile Revolt

Roman: Lucius Manlius Torquatus

Lucius Manlius Torquatus is part of the Manlii family, which is one of the most powerful and oldest Roman families. In The Third Servile Revolt, Lucius Manlius Torquatus was an acting Praetor acting in the Roman armies. Lucius has fought in the Sulla's second civil war meaning that he has a good experience in the art of war, and therefore is a pro-sulla, helping to achieve the main goal of crushing the servile revolt.

As the Roman empire was in a fragile state, and that a large portion of the population consisted of slaves, a servile revolt was very likely to occur. An extensive portion of the labor was, of course, slave labor and had a large portion of Rome's economy invested in these slaves. As more than 120,000 slaves and ex gladiators, both men women and children rouse up against the rule of authority. Of course, in real life the rebellion destroyed after many leaders such as Spartacus had been killed, and the little organization the rebellion had is gone.

My goal in this war is not only to win, but to bring glory to the Manlii family and gain respect of other prestigious families. Focusing on the position of the Manlii family is of utmost importance for Lucius Manlius Torquatus, and even gain political strength through the prestige he may earn, in fighting this rebellion.

The best strategy to defeating these slaves is to ensure a slow process of minimal casualties. When the slaves are seeking refuge in the mountains or a city, the best way to defeat them would be a slow siege cutting off their trade routes. This will then create starvation among the slave ranks and negatively affect their performance in battle. Eventually the slaves will have to go on the offensive and therefore be on a disadvantage. Controlling the slaves in other areas of Rome will be of most importance, whilst this revolt is happening. Rome must also ensure that the government is uncorrupted and secure from any physical threat, as unstable government will create more problems.

Throughout this crisis committee Lucius Manlius Torquatus will be a large figure in the battles, and in the political basis in the capital, Rome.

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