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Third Servile Revolt: Rebels

This has been going on for too long. The Romans have used us as pons in their game of self-amusement and self-indulgence for what seems like forever. We have tried to free ourselves of their shackles before but have emerged unsuccessful. But we mustn’t lose hope; only through perseverance and tactically planned attacks will our insurgence be triumphant. Every move must be thought of from every angle, every possible retaliation that may occur, and everything we could do in reaction to such retaliation.

We have many weaknesses and our resources are very limited when compared to those of the vast Roman Empire. Working for the Senate and the Emperor in Rome, I have seen their lifestyles and how much they have at their disposal. I must be frank, their way of life is greatly appealing and is something that I envy… It would be so much simpler to remain with the Romans and bask in their inevitable victory. But this is not something that I can do. I must stay true to my moral compass and to my fellow constituents despite the overwhelming odds of defeat.

Overseeing food supply for the Roman elites presents a great opportunity in defeating them. A myriad of ideas rush to my mind when I think of what I could use to eliminate their leaders: poison, small pox, leprosy; the possibilities are endless. That being said, the same tactics could be used in order to eliminate the rebels and it would be more than easy for me to do so; managing food supply would render this almost effortless. If the rebels do not devise an adequate plan to take down the Empire, I’m afraid I may have to resort to such drastic measures. Should we attempt to attack Rome directly, we will see nothing but mass casualties which will weaken our army and force us on to the defensive. We will need to lure their forces away from their central location, and take them down legion by legion. Our fate will be inevitable if we do not remain in the Samnium region; should we move to the lower peninsula of Italy we will be cut off from resources and be ultimately powerless. We will ultimately emerge victorious through meticulously planned attacks that catch the Romans off guard. We could lure them to locations with only a few hundred men, and then overpower them with thousands. Night time attacks on their capital might be effective as well, it would strike fear into the hearts of the population; they would not feel safe in their own homes. Assassinations might be in order as well. Their leaders would be eliminated and the chain of command would crumble, creating disorganization in a military that thrives off of a strict, tactical, system.

Regardless, I will not be faced with an outcome in which I do not emerge victorious. If the Romans win, they are none the wiser of my sympathy towards the rebels and I remain their chef and in charge of the high ranking officials’ slaves. Should the rebels emerge victorious, they will be eternally grateful and I will be thanked countless times over. I have been blessed with a unique opportunity with no down side. However, I must not let the rebels know of my doubts or I will surely be executed.