

## Caesar and the princess

### Chapter one

Liz

I was only seven, I had no idea what was going on. But now I know, my uncle was trading me to keep his kingdom from the dictator Sulla. By rights the kingdom of Avarisca was mine, but he stole it, he killed my mother and maybe plans to kill me as well. I am the avatar, as I just found out today and my uncle has intense hatred of the avatar, he burned the last one to death.

“Here you go” says my uncle.

“What” laughs Sulla sullenly.

“This girl is a great prize, she is the avatar, do you want to keep her, in return I want my kingdom” my uncle requests.

“Well alright, maybe she can win my battles for me, ha” he says. “Come on Liz, were going “so he knows my name, I thought. I refused to go with him.

“NO” I scream.

“You’re going with him, end of discussion” says my uncle.

“No, why should I listen to you, you murderer, you killed my mother” I protest.

“She was a whore, she deserved to die, now go or you will share the same fate as the last avatar” he threatens.

“Fine, but one day I will get my revenge on you for this” I was too young to be even plotting revenge, but the death of my mother had hardened my soul, you could almost say I was no longer innocent.

“Don’t worry, she won’t do you no harm, not when she’s in my care, isn’t that right Liz?” he questions. I don’t answer him, instead I just turn my neck to the side. “Not so tough now, isn’t she?” he asks my uncle.

“No” he says looking down on me as if I were an insect. I feel an anger burning inside me, to be taken away to Rome, I’d rather be dead, but it was my fate for the moment.

“You’d better not try to escape you little brat” threatens Pompey, Sullas right-hand man. His comment makes me very angry, I’m a little brat am I, if you think that I will be a little brat just because you said I’m a little brat I will be a little brat, I thought cheekily. Maybe, just maybe, I thought, going to Rome would be a good thing, I would get away from my evil scheming uncle for good, I would never see that horrible man I detested ever again.

Two months later

I had a good life in Sullas house, I got all the toys I wanted, all the books I wanted to read I read them, you could say I was a happy thriving seven year old. But it wasn’t all as good as it seemed,

Sulla tried to rape me once, but I fought him, he threatened to send me back to my evil unde, but I said to him,

“You want me dead, that’s what will happen if you send me back to my uncle” I threatened him. The truth was, I was no angel, living in Sullas house I was more spoiled than I had been when my mother was alive. One day Sulla asked me,

“Kill these men for me” he said showing me a list knowing that I could read.

“No” I protested.

“Why don’t you do as I ask little Liz?” he asks. This man made me furious, he tried to rape me.

“Because the avatar must harm no souls at all” was my simple reply.

“Well you won’t get the revenge you wanted if you don’t do this for me” he says.

“I’ll get my revenge, after you’re dead” I said to that.

“Get this girl out of my sight” says Sulla. Sulla is so obsessed with getting me out of his sight, until Julius Caesar comes and makes my day. I sit down and Sulla talks to him. They have a conversation.

“Would you kill me if you could?” Sulla asks. Caesar replies,

“In an instant” I laugh at this.

“I would kill him too” I say laughing.

“Shut up little brat” says Pompey. After Caesar leaves, I hear Sulla say,

“That boy has a big heart, bring it to me”

“No” I say getting out of my chair.

“What’s the problem now?” asks Sulla.

“You can’t kill the nice man, I will never forgive you if you do”

“Nice man, he wanted to kill me” says Sulla, “I will see him dead, see to it Pompey, and you shut your mouth Liz” he says.

“I’m going to bed” I say and when Sulla and Pompey are out of sight I escape the house. The guards were such stupid men, they let me out. I run after Caesar.

“Caesar” I scream. I see Caesar but he doesn’t answer me, Maybe he thinks I will kill him or something. My main objective is to see to it that Caesar isn’t murdered, he is a very brave man, refusing Sulla on pain of death, I like him and I will not see this nice man murdered. Before I even get to him, Pompey does. He says to Caesar.

“Take this ring, my friend Nicomede’s will take care of you” he says giving Caesar the ring.

“How do you know that I can trust you?” asks Caesar.

"You don't" is Pompey's reply. At that moment I knew that I had to escape Sulla and Pompey's clutches for good, so I follow Caesar. Caesar must have got a feeling that somebody was following him.

"Why are you following me?" he asks turning around.

"I just" I stumble over words. "I just want to see you return home safe" I reply.

"Well you can come along if you want" he says and I join him. As we walk I say to him,

"You were brave to stand up to the mean man" I say smiling.

"Mean man, is he horrible to you, I think he's horrible after all the murdering he's done" says Caesar. I quite like Caesar, he is very nice.

"He tried to rape me, so yes I do hate him" I reply.

"You're too young to know hate, you must be precocious" says Caesar.

"Well I'm very educated" I say to this.

"Don't you have to go back to Sulla" oh no I thought, not this. I feel tears coming up, I feel like crying.

"Don't let me go back, after I run away, that mean man will do mean things to me" I say holding his legs and crying.

"Don't worry, I won't, what's your name?" he asks.

"Liz" I say letting go of him.

"Well Liz you can come home with me tonight, I will take you with me to Nicomedes, he won't betray you to Sulla, I'll make sure of it" he promises. We arrive at Caesars house finally.

Caesar is greeted by his wife,

"Oh Caesar, I thought you were dead" she cries. I minding my own business find myself cornered by a handsome boy about who is about 12.

"So you're the avatar, what made my father bring you home tonight?" he asks.

"Leave me alone" I say defiantly.

"I don't think so Avatar" he says.

"The names Liz" I say correcting him.

"Oh, so your names Liz, my bad" he says. He is so handsome, I just want to kiss him.

"Yeah, now your daddy brought me home tonight because we are both going to escape Sulla" I explain.

"What do you need to escape Sulla for?" he asks.

“He is evil, I’d rather see him dead than alive” I say.

“Big words for a seven year old” he says to this.

“What big words?” I ask.

“Dead” he says.

“Oh, I see, I’m not as innocent as I seem” I truthfully say.

“Anyway, my names Gaius” he says as he forgot to introduce himself before.

“Liz” I say to that.

“Well Liz, good luck in escaping Sulla” he says and takes to his room. While he goes I smile at him. Then Caesar says to me,

“Were leaving for Bithynia tomorrow”

## **Chapter two**

### **Liz**

I am enjoying being on the high seas, the wind is going through my hair, it’s like I am living the dream, Caesar is beside me, having a conversation.

“Oh Damn” says Caesar.

“What is it?” I ask innocently.

“Pirates” says the man next to Caesar.

“Don’t worry Caesar I’ll fight them off for you” I say helpfully.

“Really, how?” he asks me.

“I’ll use my air bending skills, those pirates can’t beat me” I say laughing.

“No, we’ll surrender” he says, “If we don’t” he says matter of factly, “We will die” he says and scratches his head.

“What happens if we let them take us?” I ask.

“We’ll all be ransomed” he says.

“What about me, will I be ransomed?” I ask.

“Of course, you’re a princess, and you are supposed to be in the care of Sulla, Sulla would pay a lot to get you back” says Caesar.

“As if that man cares about me” I say with anger.

"Of course he cares, he got you in exchange of a kingdom, you told me what happened remember" questions Caesar.

"Yeah, but what will Sulla do, if he gets me back?" I ask.

"I honestly don't know" replies Caesar. The pirate ships come closer, soon we are captured.

"Look at this girl, what a prize" the pirate captain says.

"I assure you sir, I am no prize" I say to that.

"You're that princess that got taken by Sulla, I can't imagine what Sulla would pay for you" the pirates look at each other.

"What about you sir, what are you worth?" he asks Caesar. The pirate says,

"He must be a patrician he is worth at least 20 talents" Caesar suddenly has an angry look on his face, I don't know why.

"20 talents, I am worth 50 talents" he screams at them.

"Ooh a temper" says the pirate captain. "How much is this little one worth?" asks the pirate captain.

"I'd say, about 100 talents" replies the second in command.

"No" I scream.

"The avatar slash princess is sure worth a lot of money, even worth 1000 talents, you are worth a lot missy" he says looking me in the eyes.

"I think she's worth 1000 talents" says Caesar.

"Caesar don't say anything drastic" I say tugging at his toga.

"Don't worry, I will free us" he says reassuringly.

"I think we'll be able to get 100 talents for her" says the pirate captain.

"Are you crazy?" I scream. "100 talents is way too much" I protest.

"It isn't too much for a little girl like you" he talks to me the way you talk to a little kid, which I was at the time.

"Hmm" I say and lick my lips.

We are put aboard the pirates ship. Caesar keeps on looking out of the window for some reason.

"Caesar, all that's out there is the blue sea, what's so interesting out there that you want to look at?" I ask.

"I'm counting the islands from here to wherever we're going" he replies.

"Why would you want to do that?" I ask innocently.

“So I can come back and crucify those pirates and sell their women and children into slavery” he replied.

“Slavery” I say almost laughing. “Slavery is an evil, that no man should endure” I say.

“Well it’s also a way to make money” Caesar explains.

“Well I think slavery is evil” I say and say nothing more.

We finally arrive on this pirate island, Caesar got all that he wanted, he got the women, he even joked with them that he would return and sell them into slavery. But I knew that he was not joking, because he told me what he would do. He even joked with the pirates, but I knew he wasn’t joking. He said to them.

“I will return to crucify the lot of you” he warns.

“Oh Caesar you are the joker” says the pirate captain patting Caesar on the back.

“He’s not joking” I say seriously.

“Nanananer” says the pirate captain mimicking me. “You’d better watch your tongue little girl” he says to me strictly.

“You’re the one that’s going to end up crucified by this man not me” I say.

“Whatever little brat” he says and sneers at me. I hide behind Caesars toga because he scared me. “That’s right little girl, not so tough now aren’t you” he says and I can’t see him until he comes up behind Caesar and sneers at me. I let go of Caesars toga and bend some air at him.

“Ooh, the girl has some attitude” he says laughing.

“That’s right” I say. “And if you’re not careful I will bend some more air at you” I say cheekily.

“He he” he says and sneers again at me, so that I hide behind Caesars toga again.

“Good” he says and spits.

### **Chapter 3**

Somehow Caesar gets an army and returns to crucify and sell those women and kids into slavery. He says to polygamous.

“Yeah you’d better make that deep” he was making the pirates make their own cross, which I thought was very cruel of him.

“Course I will Caesar” he says in reply.

“You’ll be the last to die” he says. “I will make sure that you don’t get your legs broken, and that way you will die longer, unlike your little friends over here” he says. Well I thought. I had to admit that polygamous did deserve it, after all that sneering he did at me, yes polygamous wasn’t a kind man, at least he wasn’t kind to me.

“Caesar that’s harsh” I joke.

“Yes it is very harsh” he says.

“I heard that Sulla died, is this true?” I ask.

“Yes it is true” says Caesar.

“Yay” I say and hug his legs.

“Why is that so yay?” he asks.

“Because he was a very bad man” I reply. “And now you are free to return to Rome” I say. “Can you get another army?” I ask innocently. “I want to defeat that unde of mine” I explain.

“One day” he promises getting down to my height, “I will get a huge army and defeat him and then you can rule Avarisca rightfully” he says.

“Really” I question.

“Yes” he says and he takes me into his arms and hugs me. Now I am assured that maybe my life will be normal again. But I will be sorry to see Caesar go when the time comes. I am adopted two months later into Caesars home. I am now his kid, his responsibility. Now I have the perfect life, without Sulla or my uncle. Me and Caesars daughter Julia become great friends, we talked out all our problems together, I bitched about my evil uncle Ramolus and how he wanted me dead and all that. I also became friends with Gaius, I knew he loved me, I could see it in his eyes. His eyes were pale blue and he had pale hair wom in the same hairstyle as his father. Of course 13 years passed and Caesar became Consul. You know that idiot Pompey that called me a little brat in the beginning of the story, he married Julia, one of my best friends, but nobody was more of a friend than Caesar.

#### **Chapter 4**

Caesar eventually got Gaul out of Pompey by giving him Julia. Anyway I went to Gaul with Caesar, I have to say he grew old in Gaul, and more colder. You could see it in his eyes , he grew old but he was still handsome. I would say in about his first year at Gaul, his daughter Julia died, she died in childbirth , I was very sad to hear this, I cried for days and days, I never got over Julia dying. Neither did Caesar. Gaius came along to Gaul as well, I was glad of that, I wonder if I could get un adopted so that I could marry him. And then we could live happily ever after, but no I thought, he was a roman, he wants to become great like his daddy, I thought so then in that moment I knew that I could not marry him.

“My father’s given me an army” Gaius says. I am proud of him.

“Good work Gaius, how did you convince him to do it?” I ask.

“All in a days work” he says and I kiss him. Now we are a couple, we refuse to be separated.

“Now we can defeat my unde” I say happily, my arms around him.

“That will come later” he says and lets go of me. I get very disappointed, when will Caesar finally defeat the Gaul’s, I asked myself. When will my mother’s death be avenged, I thought quietly.

He is now looking at his maps , trying to decipher how to defeat the Gaul’s.

“You know that I hate my unde” I say trying to get to my point.

“Sorry lovely Liz, but my father gave me an army to defeat Gaul’s not Avarices” he says to that.

“Hmm, give me a hug” I say smiling and we hug lovingly, I cannot describe the love we share for each other, it is unbreakable, an unbreakable bond.

“I have to convince my father, to conquer Avarisca” he says.

“You will” I say and kiss him. So Gaius had his way we went to Avarisca to defeat the small city, we’ll I thought it was small anyway.

“How we going to defeat the Avarices?” I ask sternly.

“That what I’m trying to work out Liz” he replies looking at his maps.

“I say we starve them into submission” I say bravely.

“You’d let your own people starve?” asks Gaius.

“Fine, we’ll work out some other way to get into the city” I say.

“No” says Gaius. “We’ll do as you said, starve them out” Two months later the city is starved into submissions and I get the revenge I wanted, or so it seemed so. We enter the city,

“I need to visit a spiritual place” I say to Gaius.

“What for?” he asks.

“Guidance and direction” was my simple reply.

“Oh, do you know of any spiritual places around here?” he asks.

“There is one” I reply.

“Where?” he asks.

“I’ll lead you to it” I say, I lead us into a cave and I decide to meditate. But little did I know that my evil uncle had followed us here.

“Now don’t try to escape, we are all air benders here” I turnaround from where I am sitting and recognise his evil voice.

“Liz, your uncle” says Gaius in a concerned voice.

“Yes that’s right, I am this girls uncle and there’s no escaping” he says with an evil crackling.

“What do you want?” I ask getting up.

"Its simple, you marry me or you marry him, it's your choice" he says shrugging.

"I will never marry you, that is incest" I say to that.

"Then you must marry him, you know how much I would love to marry you" he says evilly.

"So you can be king?" I questioned, "Never" I say.

"Well you're not escaping this cave until you marry him or me" he says.

"You are a disgusting man" I protest.

"I know right, that's why I'm your unde, because I'm disgusting, ha get the joke Liz" infuriated I bend some air at me, but his guards bend some air back at me. "As I told you, no escape" he says and smiles which I think is an evil smile.

"Fine what do you want?" I ask.

"I want you to marry him, or me" he says pointing to himself.

"Fine, I'll marry him" I say reluctantly.

"Yes that's what I want to hear" he has the most wickedest smile on his face right now. "Priest" he says, "Wed this couple" a man comes reluctantly, I can see that he does not want to do as he is told. I think that people probably hate my uncle with a fierce passion because he killed my mother. This priest must hate him too.

"No, you will not do this, I will see to it you will starve to death after my father's triumph" says Gaius.

"Oh really, you're the one that has to marry her, a fate worse than death" he says to that

"Her marrying you would be a fate worse than death, now priest marry them" I start to cry I don't know why. I should be happy to be marrying Gaius. We are married ten minutes later.

"Ah good, now you can both leave" my uncle, the priest, the guards all leave the cave. Did I forget to mention that we had consummated our marriage in the cave, sex hurt. It really hurt.

"I'm sorry Liz" says Gaius. In this moment I knew that he truly loved me. "We must get revenge on your uncle for this" he says determinedly .

"This is all my fault" I say on the ground. "We shouldn't have come here, and especially alone, so that, that wicked pimpy uncle of mine wouldn't have hurt us" I point out.

"Don't worry, we'll get our revenge" he says trying to cheer my spirits up.

"Yes, now I am more determined than ever to get that bad man" I say smiling. Then I cry.

"Don't cry avatar" he says offering me his hand to lift me up. I take his hand and he lifts me up.

"Well get him" I say smiling, finished with all my tears.

Chapter 5

“They forced us to get married” I say to Mark Anthony who should have been with Caesar, but Caesar wasn’t much of a drinker and dedined to let mark Anthony drink.

“Why would he do that?” he asks.

“Because he’s an evil pimp” I reply.

“Oh, he’s an evil pimp is he?” asks Anthony.

“Yes, he sold me to Sulla to keep his kingdom” I say.

“Oh that, how could I forget” he says.

“You kids want a drink” he asks.

“I’m like my father” says Gaius, “I don’t drink” he replies.

“Oh shame” says Anthony.

“Drinking” starts Gaius, “Nulls the senses, you know I have one drink and it ruins my wits, do you feel that your wits are ruined Anthony?” he asks.

“Well no” replies Anthony. “Drinking makes me feel high, and sexy, woo” he says finishing up a cup of wine.

“He’s drunk” I whisper to Gaius.

“Shut it or he’ll hear you” he whispers back.

“Anyway, that uncle of yours Liz, he’ll surrender soon and then we can get back to Gaul” Anthony says hopefully. It is true what he said, my uncle submits two days later.

“I offer up my arms to you” says my unde dropping his sword and bowing down. Now it is my turn to look down on him as if he were an insect. “Please” he says putting his hands on the ground and crying, “Have mercy” he pleads.

“I don’t think so” I say angrily.

“Please, I’m sorry I killed your mother” he says.

“You’re not sorry, all you’re after is power, you deserve to go to the next world” I say angrily.

“Please, I will kiss the ground that you walk on” he pleads.

“Then kiss the ground” I suggest. At my request he kisses the ground and I say,

“Good uncle” I say with a hint of evilness in my voice. For a moment I think of selling him as a slave but then I think that slavery is evil, it’s not fair for anybody to work for nothing. “If you want mercy, you’d better beg for mercy” my voice is hard.

My uncle gets up, and I say,

“On your knees, in front of me” I say.

"Listen darling it's best to take him to Rome, have a triumph and execute him" he suggests.

"I can't condemn a man to death" I whisper.

"Why?" he asks. "He's not innocent at all, he killed your mother remember and remember what he did to us?" he questions.

"You know why, the avatar must harm no souls" I say.

"Oh right, if you don't condemn him to death then I will" he says. "Ramolus, I've decided we are to take you to Rome"

"Well whatever" I say, "You're choice" I will not be sorry to see my unde go.

## **Chapter 6**

The signs are showing, I am pregnant. I even vomit sometimes like I did this morning.

"Are you sure you're feeling okay?" asks my husband.

"No, I'm not" I say and I start to cry.

"Whatever is the matter Liz?" he asks consolingly, taking me into his arms and gives me a hug.

"I'm pregnant" I croak.

"What no" Gaius says disappointed.

"Yes it happened" I say, all of a sudden I have a sudden urge to kill my unde for this.

"Don't worry, go home and spend the rest of your pregnancy there" he suggests.

"Where is home?" I ask not sure what place he meant.

"Avarisca" he replies.

"Oh that home, don't worry I will" I say and I leave from Gaul to Avarisca. Caesar tries to stop this,

"You're leaving, why ever my dear daughter?" I am his adopted daughter.

"Because" I say shrugging my shoulders. "I need to go home, I belong in Avarisca" I reply.

"But" says Caesar, "You belong with us now, why go back?" he asks.

"Because I miss my original home" I lie. Caesar does not know that I am pregnant, nobody's told him. Decides, I don't want him to think that I am a whore like my mother. He might find out eventually, but for now I just want to leave, a pregnant woman shouldn't be in a war camp. Anyway I wanted to take Gaius with me, but his father didn't let him go with me. Instead I had to go on my own.

## **Gaius**

"Why couldn't you have talked her out of leaving?" asks my father Caesar.

“Father” I smile gently, “I told her to go, after all do you really think that she wants to see blood and guts” I say still smiling.

“I’m pretty sure she’s seen blood and guts before” says father.

“No I don’t think so, decides why would a pretty girl like her want to waste her life away in a war camp when she can be making babies” that’s it, I thought, I had given it away, now he knows our little secret.

“Making babies, ha” my father laughs, “Why would she be making babies for anyhow Gaius?” he asks.

“Because I fucked her” I say to that.

“You what, she is your sister, that is incest” he says with a cold look on his face.

“No” I say, ‘She is my adoptive sister, Ramolus forced me to fuck her so I fucked her” I say.

“Ramolus needs to die then” says my father.

“With that, I agree with you” if Liz died in childbirth I don’t know what I’d do, I’d be heartbroken, I’d refuse to marry anybody else but her, but that feeling could change, I told myself. But really I thought, what were the chances of Liz dying in childbirth, she is a strong woman, I thought, she can live through this.

### **Liz**

“Oh sister” says my sister Lea giving me a hug. “I haven’t seen you for years” she says hugging me tighter.

“Don’t squash me too hard” I say, “You’ll squash the baby” I say. She lets go of me,

“What baby?” she asks.

“Uncle Ram forced me to marry Gaius and we had sex so now I’m pregnant, that Rammer forced me to have sex with him” I explain.

“So I heard, oh I feel so sorry for you” she says, “I can’t believe unde Rammer would do something so terrible like that”

“I can, he murdered our mother, remember?” I remind her.

“Oh yes” she says.

“Anyway, come and have some tea, I haven’t seen you in years”

### **Gaius**

I return to Rome, the action is really on in the senate. Cato, that useless country bump skin wants to see my father stripped of his armies and declared a traitor. He is probably worried that Caesar will take over the republic if he could. But I secretly know that he is just jealous of Caesar, who wouldn’t

be, he is powerful, he has his own armies, he is an expert politician and general, he is the soldiers boy, who wouldn't be jealous. One day Cato is out in the forum, I say to him,

"Cato why is it that you are so determined on the down fall of my father, is it that you are jealous of him, come on Cato I know you are" I say.

"No, with his armies he plans to make himself king of Rome, I plan to stop that" he says.

"Cato" I plead, "my father is no traitor, you're the traitor" I say and Cato says to that.

"Trying to suck up to Caesar now are you, supporting him in his plan to take over the republic" Cato says to me.

"No, he'll never take over the republic, you know what you are Cato, a country Bump skin, like Gaius Marius, a new man, so fuck off and leave my father alone before I kick you out of Rome for good" I say.

"Stuff you" says Cato and walks off.

"Have a great day Cato" I say sarcastically, "Oh I've got to love myself" I say to myself. I decide that I cannot handle the wolves in Rome for a second longer so I join my father just outside of Rome who is trying to stand in absentia. You know why he can't enter Rome, I already told you, his enemies plan to prosecute him. And also if he enters Rome he loses his imperium. I join him, ten days later of my joining him he gets a letter saying that he is an enemy to the state, a traitor and must give up his armies. I flat out tell him not to give his armies up, but he says that he won't. This is what Cato has worried about all along, Caesar marching on the Rubicon, they have given him no choice, now he has to march on the Rubicon because they have forced him to it.

"What are you going to do now father?" I ask him after he receives the letter branding him a traitor to Rome.

"I will make Pompey and Cato wish they were never born" is his simple reply, he says it with coldness.

"What about Bibulous?" I ask, "Will you make him wish he was never born?" I ask.

"Yes" he replies. I can see the coldness on his face, I wouldn't want to mess with him now. Caesar takes up to his horse and says,

"Cato, that country bump skin and Pompey also a country bump skin have given me no choice but to march on Rome, they have declared me an outlaw, a traitor, but Cato and Pompey and the senate are the real traitors, stripping a consul of his power how dare they, I will march on Rome, if you can hear me Cato and Pompey I will make you wish you were never born, so my boys, let us march on Rome and we will make Cato and Pompey wish they were never born" the soldiers shouted Caesar, and we started to cross the Rubicon.

My father was the first to cross the Rubicon,

"This is it" says Caesar, "May the dice fly" he says and we cross the Rubicon together.

We return to Rome to find it isolated, only inhabited by a few, Cato and Pompey had left the city absolutely defenceless, my father comments on this.

“And they call me a traitor, well look at them, they left Rome defenceless, bastards” he says.

“I know” I say. “Anthony what do you think?” I ask.

“Just as Caesar says, they left the city defenceless, they are the real traitors” he comments.

It is officially on, Caesar is at war with Pompey, even though the city was desolated a few remained. My father even tried to access the treasury for his war with Pompey, which he ended up getting anyway. He had to fight a tribune of the plebs to get in, the tribune of the plebs refused to let Caesar in but my father threatened to kill him if he didn't let us pass.

“Did you hear that, he threatened to kill me if I didn't let him pass, he tried to stop me in my duty as a tribune of the plebs” the tribune said.

“Who cares you little pleb” I say to him.

“Who cares you little pleb” mimicked the tribune, “Let me tell you what, you patricians are full of yourselves” he says angrily.

“Oh I see, little pleb” I say and pat his chin.

“Off” he says and I laugh like my father does at women, my father gets access to the treasury. I write to the lovely Liz. I write :

*Pompey and Cato declared my father a traitor, now he is at war with them, it is officially on, I know my father will beat them, he always does, anyway forever yours Gaius Julius Caesar.*

I scribble it down and send it off to Avarisca, 14 days later Liz sends a note to my father saying:

*Dear father, don't let them get to you.* When he receives the letter I know it is from Liz, I ask him what it said,

“It said don't let them get to you” and he puts down the letter.

“Does it say anything else?” I ask. He shows me the little note, I see nothing else but don't let them get to you and I am disappointed.

“What did you want it to say?” asks my father.

“Oh nothing” I lie. The truth is that I was wanting to hear news of the baby, am I a father yet, I wondered. Suddenly I feel sad,, what if she had a miscarriage, or what if she hasn't told me yet, I got angry but then I thought maybe she wants to tell me in person, all of a sudden I was relieved.

## **Chapter 7 Liz**

I have an eleven month old baby now, I named him Gaius after his father, I hope that Gaius will be happy when he next comes to Avarisca. If he comes, but I know that he won't be coming for a while because he is busy at war with his father fighting that pimp Pompey. I hope Pompey loses the war,

he used to call me a little brat, so why shouldn't he lose the war, Caesar has every right to win, because Caesar is a winner not a loser. I think I will join them in this war, a girl fighting, oh please most men would say but in my previous lives I was a man so why shouldn't I be fighting Pompey, I will fight him personally if it will help Caesar win the war, so I join in on the war effort and leave eleven month old Gaius at home with his aunty princess Lea, I know he will be safe with her. When I see Gaius he greets me with a hug.

"Oh Liz" he says hugging me tight.

"Gaius, I've missed you" I say hugging him back, we kiss in front of everybody. He asks me,

"How is the child?" I reply,

"We had a boy, I named him Gaius after you if that's alright" I say.

"It is alright" he says and we hug again. "So does this boy look like me?" he asks.

"Yes he does, he has your cheeks and nose" I say to that.

"That's good" says Gaius and hugs me. "What did you come for?" he asks.

"To fight pimpy wimpy" I reply. He laughs at that.

"Oh you are funny Liz" he says and we kiss.

"I don't mean to intrude, but PDA much" says Anthony.

"Oh sorry" I say.

"Its fine" says Anthony and takes a sip of wine.

"How is everything?" I ask Gaius.

"Not so good, the men are almost out of water" he replies.

"That is horrible" I say wanting to kiss Gaius again.

"I know dearest, but it is reality" he says to that. Reality was horrible, I thought quietly to myself. As I think about reality, I wonder how my evil uncle is doing now, I hope that he is suffering, rotting in his prison cell. What mercy did he show the last avatar, that he should be given mercy, I thought quietly. In my last life, I died a painful death, a burning death, I hope my uncle dies the same way as the last avatar. Luckily my unde had no wife, no children to carry on his bloodline. He will die soon, I think.

"So, what do you think?" asks Anthony. "I know we don't live high, but today there is going to be a battle, Pompey" he whispers, "Has all the food, while we caesareans are starving, does that seem normal to you?" he asks.

"Yes, it is reality" I reply, "people starve everyday" I say to that.

"I bet people don't starve in Avarisca, not with you as their ruler" says Anthony.

"They used to, when that wicked uncle of mine wrongfully took over Avarisca" I say.

"Oh, I see" says Anthony, he winks at me and takes a sip of wine. Gaius pretends that he didn't see Anthony winking at me, when in fact he did. "I hear that there are no slaves in Avarisca, is this true?" asks Anthony.

"Yes" I reply. "My mother and I banned them, you want to know why we did that Anthony?" I ask.

"No" he replies.

"We did it because of the ill treatment of slaves; honestly, you can't force people to work for you for nothing so we banned it naturally, especially after the slave revolt of Spartacus, we didn't want anything of the kind happening in Avarisca, and by the way, you Romans are disgusting, forcing men to fight to the death for your entertainment, oh please" I say.

"Well if you don't like what we do that is your opinion not ours" says Anthony.

"Whatever" I say and look at my handsome husband.

### **Gaius**

It is official, Pompey has lost the war, Caesar is the victor, all the victory goes to us. We have a look in Pompey's camp. Pompey has fled, by the looks of it, Pompey was preparing for a real victory, how do we know do you ask, Well he had food prepared everywhere and wine. He had all the fruit, too bad you lost Pompey you loser. So we ate it all, we deserved it, after all it was our victory not theirs. I knew my father would win. Sometimes I think when it will all be over. My father finds in Pompey's tent a golden cat, the golden cat once belonged to Julia my sister. He takes it. We find some of the rebel soldiers still in the camp, surprisingly, according to me, he does not execute them Instead he says,

"Now return home to your families and be grateful of my mercy, if you rebel against me again, I may not be so merciful" says Caesar.

"Father that was well said" I say to him afterwards.

"My spies tell me that Pompey has fled to Egypt, I will follow him there" says Caesar.

"Pompey doesn't deserve support" I say, "Not after he betrayed you for that stupid worm Cato" I say with a touch of anger in my voice.

"Pompey has his faults" says Caesar.

"Do you plan to kill him?" I ask.

"No, I plan to make peace, after all he was my once son in law" says my father.

"But he would murder you if he could" I say.

"I wouldn't murder him" says my father, "In fact Gaius why don't you go mingle with your girlfriend instead of asking me questions" he says trying to dismiss me.

"Yes father" I say and go.

**Liz**

We go to Egypt, in Egypt we are greeted by Egyptian officials, but that wasn't the biggest surprise, Caesar is ushered into the palace and I go with him. There he is shown the head of Pompey.

"We have a gift for you Caesar" says little Ptolemy.

"What is it?" asks Caesar. That is when they showed him the head of Pompey, Caesar has a look of anger on his face all of a sudden, I know his temper, he is very prone to anger, like with the pirates he got angry when they said he was worth 20 talents and he demanded that he was worth 50 talents.

"We thought that you would be pleased" said Ptolemy.

"No I'm not pleased you little worm" says Caesar angrily raising his voice. "Pompey was a consul of Rome and this is how he died you miserable Egyptians, you should be glad that I don't take over your miserable little country" he says.

"We're sorry" says Pothinus.

Later Caesar gets given a room in the palace. He lets me stay with him for a while.

"Why did they do that Liz?" he asks angrily.

"Because they are miserable Egyptians, like you said" I reply.

"I wanted to make peace with him, fuck them" he says.

"You'll make peace with him in Hades" I say to that, "Isn't that what you romans believe in?" I ask.

"Look Liz, I meant that I wanted to make peace with him not in hades but in this life, I don't even believe anymore in hades, I believe that when you're dead your dead" he says.

"I don't believe that, I'll be reborn when I die" I say.

"I know you'll be reborn, is that skanky uncle of yours in Rome?" he asks.

"Well he should be there" I say, "As to where his whereabouts is I don't know" I say.

"He'll be executed" says Caesar.

"He ought to be man raped" I say, "He had me raped" I say.

"But he's a man not a woman" says Caesar. "How dare those filthy Egyptians, kill my friend" he says.

"He wasn't your friend, he was your enemy" I say.

"He used to be my friend once you know" says Caesar.

"Then he turned into your worst nightmare" I say sarcastically.

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