

A Pillar of Iron (6)

1. Carbo
2. They had no passion or reasoning behind their attacks. They had no true belief system that backed up their rooting for one person or another. They were mindlessly attacking, knowing that they were powerful only because they were a multitude.
3. Only in Republics and despotisms are men safe, for in the first they are free and in the second they are slaves. In democracies they are not free and they are not slaves, therefore they are in danger.
4. Incisive of mind, fierce and dedicated of purpose, implacable in his desires and his ambitions.
5. Catalina felt the ring on his finger.
6. He wanted to know why He delayed His birth. He wondered why God had denied these men in desperate need of Him, His salvation. He requested help.
7. Many were excited. He had promised to restore peace, fill the bankrupt treasury, and promised justice. However, when he began doing these things people began to fear him and fear what Rome was coming to.
8. About 56 years old, having leathery skin, sunken cheeks, dark black eyebrows over pale cold eyes, and short black hair.
9. Julius believes that law is what is here and now, therefore he believes it has the right to change as times "progress". Marcus has a view of the law very different than Julius. Marcus believes in justice and he knows that times do not progress. They might change, but man is the same forever. Marcus believes in a justice that should be determined by understanding and knowledge which is beyond men.
10. Just law is formulated by just men, random and expedient law is formulated by slaves and tyrants, moved by ever-changing emotions and moods.
11. Law must be rooted in truth, but first and foremost laws must be based on the laws of God.
12. I think he wanted to see what this Cicero was like. He had probably heard a lot about him and now wanted to see for himself what he thought of him. I didn't like Sulla at first, he seemed hard and cruel. There is still something about him that is mysterious, but I have softened my prejudice against him.
13. Catalina received all of Livia's dowry and inheritance upon their marriage and had spent all of it, but if he and Livia divorced, she could demand the return of her dowry, therefore exposing his debt.
14. Livia was not the mysterious woman who had come to his law offices seeking help. She was in Naples with her son visiting some relatives. He had always hoped deep down that Livia would divorce Catalina and marry him, but as his life keeps going on, he comes to realize that this will never happen.

15. He was faint. Then he became angry. He blamed Catalina for Livia's death, saying that he poisoned her and her son so that he would not have to pay the dowry if she divorced him. He said that he would prove Catalina a murderer by representing Livia in court.
16. He vowed not to kill Catalina, but to find what he wanted most and torture him by destroying that.
17. Man realizes his irrelevant place in the world, his almost intruding life, but the irrelevancy fades away and can be a sort of comfort to him.
18. "A good wife is more precious than rubies and all the things you can desire are not to be compared with her. Length of days is in her right hand, and in her left hand riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to them that lay hold of her, and happy is everyone who retains her."