

## A Pillar of Iron (7)

1. Proverbs
2. He is a very popular actor, but he charges a lot for his work. He was not very bright and Noe thought that he might not even be able to read since his advisor had to review the scripts for him. Noe was hoping that this would really attract people to his play, because all the girls love him, and young men followed what he did, the way he dressed, and such.
3. A man without hope has no reason for life. He has nothing to look forward to in life, making his life pointless.
4. He holds fast to the old standards of justice and morality. He is truly concerned with the welfare of his people and wishes them the best instead of wishing the best for his government and their wealth.
5. He talked with Noe, and he learned that Noe truly did believe in God, and Marcus was told that there was no end to hope because there was no end to God. A very true statement, for God is the world's only hope.
6. He wrote a book that addressed Rome's problems, but in the book he blamed the corrupt government. He was charged with treason against the state, subversion, seeking to overthrow a lawful government, insurrection and incitement to riot, violent and extreme prejudice against Roman people, contempt of society and authority, incontinent madness, disrespect to the Senate, and malice against Sulla.
7. Atticus reminded him of the disgrace it would bring upon Cato's grandsons if he were to simply allow himself to be prosecuted without a noble fight. Cicero assured him that he could not save his life, but he could save his name, and that is all that Cato was concerned about.
8. Julius and some of his friends are willing to pay Cicero not to betray his client, Cato, but to withdraw from the case. They promised that if he didn't defend Cato in court, they would let him return home in peace, but his name would be destroyed.
9. "If a man cried to them that no longer must they depend on the government for their food, shelter, the tunics that cover them, their amusements, would they harken to him? If a hero admonished them for their idleness and their greed, what would they do?"
10. He said that he knows that nothing can turn Rome around, but he dedicates his service to showing Rome the harshness they deserve. I am still confused about my feelings for him. He becomes more likeable as I see that he knows he is not all-powerful and he knows that countries are destined to destruction, but there is still something scary about the power he has.
11. He knows that man eventually governs a nation, and the law passes away. He knows that man is evil and corrupt and he knows that Rome is headed for disaster, so he toasted to the death of Rome.
12. A large crowd had gathered around and in the Forum before Marcus and Cato even got a chance to enter. Sulla came in majestically and Cato

came in full military attire, but Marcus came in mourning clothes. Before the case could even really begin the crowd started crying "Hail Cicero! Cicero! Cicero!" Julius made a well dramatized speech of the treason in Cato's book, but then Marcus smartly asked him to read a passage that spoke of this treason. Marcus asked for the quote and Julius read one from the book, but he was quoting Cincinnatus, showing that Cato had committed no treason in that statement. The crowd burst into laughter when Marcus pointed this out. Julius read another quote from the book and the senate shouted "treason!" but Sulla pointed out once again that it was Cincinnatus who said this, not Cato. No one could bring any lawful accusations of treason against Cato, so instead they accused him of plagiarism, so both his name and his life were spared.

13. "Worthiness resides in no man, and let that nation beware who discovers itself regarding it's temporal ruler as a divinity, fawning upon him, delighting in news of his comings and goings, reverencing him, listening to his words as though they rolled down from Olympus with the sound of thunder, ostracizing those who differ from him, raising up their voices like trumpets hailing all that he does and deluding themselves that he is superior to those who have elevated him by vote or in the name of emergency." It's very scary that this is exactly how many feel about Obama. They think everything he says is on the same level as perfection or prophecy. They believe that he can solve all problems, and regard him as a god. During his campaign, people flocked to wherever he was speaking, and still do. America is closer to her fall than I thought.