I LIVE.
HE'S AWAKE! HE'S AWAKE!
TASA! WH-- HOW--?
SHHHHHHH...
CALM. YOU MUST LIE STILL.
QUINTUS, YOU CONTINUE TO SURPRISE ME.
THE PHYSICIANS SAID YOU WOULD NOT WAKE FOR A WEEK, IF EVER.
I DID NOT BELIEVE THEM. THEY ARE ALL IDIOTS, BUT BARELY A DAY LATER...?
TRULY YOU ARE NOT OF THIS EARTH.

TACITUS...THE BERBER ARMY...IT IS FAR MORE FORMIDABLE THAN EVEN WE FEARED--
THE WAR IS OVER, QUINTUS.
WE HELD THEM IN THE MOUNTAINS UNTIL THE BOATS ARRIVED WITH FRESH LEGIONS.
"THEIR NUMBERS WERE GREAT, BUT THEY WERE IN DISARRAY.
"THOSE WE CAPTURED KEPT BABBLING ABOUT THE 'WHITE DEMON' THE ROMANS HAD CONJURED AGAINST THEM."
HOW... DID YOU SAVE ME?
WE DIDN'T.
"YOU CAME TO US.
"YOU WALKED RIGHT INTO MY TENT, SALUTED...
"AND COLLAPSED ON THE FLOOR.

"FROM OUT OF THE SACK YOU CARRIED ROLLED THE HEAD OF THE BERBER KING."

I DON'T...
I WAS RIGHT TO PUT MY FAITH IN YOU, BUT NOW WE MUST SPEAK OF OTHER THINGS.

SENATOR SERTORIUS THINKS YOU ARE IN GRAVE DANGER TO REMAIN HERE.
THOUGH AFTER WHAT YOU HAVE JUST SURVIVED, I DON'T SEE WHAT HE COULD BE WORRIED ABOUT.
THE MASTER.

BUT OVER THE YEARS I HAVE LEARNED TO TRUST SERTORIUS.
HE KNOWS MUCH OF THINGS NOT OF THIS WORLD.
THE MASTER MUST KNOW I LIVE.

I HAVE BEEN GRANTED PERMISSION TO GIVE YOU THIS.
THE RUDIS.