

Synopsis:

**JULIUS CAESAR**

William Shakespeare

Julius Caesar, who is the leader of Rome at the moment, has just come home from Spain with triumph over Pompey's son. People set a celebration for him, yet, two tribunes, who are the devoted followers of the great Pompey warn them not to do so. They hate to see how the people are so happy for Caesar. In the mean time, at the public place Caesar and his procession are having the annual feast of the Lupercal together with his people. From the crowd, Cassius parts himself aside and finds Brutus there, who probably does the same thing. Yet, they can still notice what happens down there in the crowd where Caesar refuses the crown offered by Antony thrice. On this occasion, he has quite a long chat with Brutus about their personal traits to a more specific topic concerning his opinion upon Caesar. Cassius expresses his dislikeness to Caesar, he claims Caesar not more special than any other people. He is very disappointed with the way his relationship with Caesar ends. He has ever saved Caesar's life once, long time ago but Caesar seems to forget it that he bears his uthority alone. He asures Brutus that Caesar doesn't deserve to be the leader of Rome and may endanger Rome with his ambition. By the end of their togetherness, Cassius has gained Brutus' words concerning his plan upon Rome's importance and Caesar.

That night, Cassius continues his action in arranging and preparing the plan to assassinate Caesar under the reason of saving Rome from Caesar's ambition. He asures his supporters that the one that will be done is really important for Rome. He claims that if Caesar, whom due to the rumours will be established a king, is given a chance, he will surely be a dictator. The best way to prevent it is to put Caesar away as soon as possible. The group chosen by Cassius to support him with the plan do agree to prevent such a destruction upon Rome as they believe in Cassius' words. Before the dawn, all the conspirators gather in Brutus' house and set the implementation of the plan. And as the sun starts to rise, they part with a definite decision to do it.

At the morning, Caesar is confused by Calphurnia's request not to go to the senate house concerning the soothsayer's warning. Yet, as one of the conspirators

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comes for him and reminds him of the intention of the Senators to crown him, Caesar decides to go. Cassius is really afraid if the plan is known, he has even decided to kill himself if it happens to be uncovered. There, at the senate house, Caesar is led hastily into the building where he is flattered and then assassinated. Suggested by Brutus, they then wash their hands in Caesar's blood as such a sign of the sacrecy of their deed in the murder. All of them are convinced that the true reason of it is for Rome's sake.

Brutus and Cassius, then, gather the people somewhere and make a speech. As agreed by Brutus, Antony gives also a speech when Brutus has finished his part and left the crowd. Indeed, Cassius doesn't agree with Brutus' decision to allow Antony giving a speech. And as calculated by Cassius, what Antony says does turn his audience against the conspirators and encourages them to hunt the conspirators and burns their houses. Thus, Brutus and Cassius and also their army must leave the town for their savety. Yet, still they are hunted by Caesar's successors, Antony and Octavius--Caesar's heir.

At their camps out of Rome, in the plains near Sardis, Brutus has such a disagreement with Cassius. He starts to question Cassius' personal reason behind the assassination of Caesar. Finally, they depart for Philippi and fight Caesar's successors, Brutus and his army against Octavius' while Antony's army fight against Cassius'. At first, Cassius army is defeated by Antony's, yet, Cassius decides to commit suicide for a wrong perception upon Brutus' victory. He dares not see the chance, he won't be led to Rome as prisoner. Thus, he has Pindarus stab his chest. Before he dies, he admits that Caesar deserves to take a revenge on him. In the next fight, Brutus' army is defeated by Caesar's successors that he also decides to kill himself instead of being brought back to Rome.