



VAMUN
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Cleopatra's Council

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1. Apollodorus the Sicilian

Born in Sicily, Apollodorus is a wealthy merchant who came to Alexandria as an adult to serve in the court of Ptolemy XIII. There, he befriended the pharaoh's older sister and co-ruler Cleopatra, becoming one of her close friends and later a loyal follower. When Ptolemy later exiled his sister in 49 BCE, Apollodorus helped her escape the city through the canals, wrapping her in a carpet to avoid Ptolemy's attention. Cleopatra currently resides in Apollodorus' villa in the Kanopos Knome. He possesses a network of informants that keep him updated on the comings and goings of the local Egyptians who were oppressed by Ptolemy XIII.

2. Deorsa, Financial Advisor

Deorsa is a loyal servant to his queen. Born with an exceptional mind and well-traveled, he is well suited to his role as Cleopatra's financial advisor. However, he hides an inferiority complex, and hopes to impress his crush, Cleopatra. His duties and portfolio powers include managing the exile queen's funds, creating a suitable budget, and finding more ways to add gold to the coffers for the cause.

3. Ajax, The General

Arash is the stalwart commander of all rebel land forces. He is a firm believer that his armies can conquer any foe through divine right. His critics call him arrogant, mocking him for praising past achievements of Egypt's army as if they were his own.

Quick to anger, but fiercely loyal to his pharaoh, Ajax will either soon see his finest hours, or the death of his career (at the very least).

4. Bazyli, The Admiral

Bazyli is the commander of Cleopatra's limited naval forces. He is loyal and humble, yet enjoys a professional rivalry with Ajax. Despite their differences, the two need to work together to coordinate the deployment of land forces overseas. Bazyli is responsible for deploying naval forces, ordering new ships, etc. He also is responsible for the maintenance of troops to man the ships and the training of these individuals. However, as Cleopatra is in exile, his naval assets are quite limited, and he may want to find a way to procure more ships.

5. Baki, Master of Whispers

The leader of Cleopatra's spies, Baki commands the world's largest spy network, spanning throughout the empire and beyond. Baki is incredibly paranoid, which, in his position, is a double edged sword. Members of the court have noticed odd behavior in this man before. Modern scholars believe this to have been due to schizophrenia. He is able to obtain almost any information from his network of spies, however there is a risk of detection with any particular focus on an individual's actions. His network of informants is larger than that of Apollodorus, and Baki's spies can carry out more extensive operations.

6. Flavius, Liaison to Rome

A flamboyant Roman who came to Egypt for a fresh start, Flavius (now a wealthy merchant) still has many contacts from his old life. He is charismatic, and has a talent for getting into touch with otherwise hard to reach individuals. Flavius will play a crucial role in delivering Roman aid to Cleopatra's cause. Additionally, he has many informants inside Rome.

7. Bayek of Siwa, Master Assassin

Bayek is Egypt's last Medjay, and as such, is sworn to protect his pharaoh, Cleopatra. After Ptolemy's men murdered his son, Bayek swore himself to Cleopatra's cause. Bayek commands a small, but effective group of assassins, and may undergo assassination missions himself (the latter of which will typically be more successful). Note that assassination missions against others in committee are likely to fail.

8. Pasherentah, High Priest of Memphis

The High Priest of one of Egypt's greatest cities, Pasherentah has allied himself with the exiled queen. He is married to Taimhotep, the daughter of a noble family in the city. However, all is not well in the city -- Memphis is cursed. The Apis Bull is ill, the normally docile crocodiles have grown violent, mummies decompose, and Taimhotep continues to miscarry. The latter may harm Pasherentah's reputation. Pasherentah is well aware of the ongoing in the

region, and can provide spiritual advice to Cleopatra and her allies. However, the ills in his city may hamper his intentions.

9. Hotephres, The Adventurer

Born in Krokodilopolis and given an Egyptian name by his Greek father, Hotephres was a skilled warrior who later became an adventurer. During one of his travels, he met his wife, Khenut. The two had a daughter, Shadya, and settled down in a villa in Euphemeria, a small village in the Faiyum Oasis. After his father passed away, Hotephres inherited his farm in Philadelphia. This inheritance brought also the duty to protect the people of the region, and a close relationship with them. Hotephres is a capable warrior, wealthy, and well-informed in the Faiyum Oasis.

10. Cosimo, The Rat

Born to a prominent family in Alexandria, Cosimo serves in Ptolemy XIII's court as a royal scribe. However, he is secretly aligned with Queen Cleopatra. Cosimo has direct access to the machinations of Ptolemy's inner circle, and can thus provide valuable intel. Cosimo is a discreet man, timid in appearance, but very shrewd and resourceful.

11. Hypatos, The Bodyguard

A former gladiator fighter, Hypatos is an honorable warrior who will faithfully fulfill his duty as Cleopatra's bodyguard to the very end. Hypatos is considered to be one of this finest warriors in all the land, and his brief stint as an officer has given him the experience necessary to command Cleopatra's household guard. However, as is common with gladiator fighters, Hypatos is quick to anger, an unfortunate quality that resulted in his brief military career.

12. Menehet, Priest of Sekhmet

A gentle man and father of four, Menehet is the beloved High Priest of the Temple of Sekhmet in Yamu, a village south of Alexandria and on the west coast of Lake Mareotis. Although he and his family lived in peace despite the political turmoil in Egypt, Menehet decided to aid Cleopatra in her quest for the throne after receiving a vision from Sekhmet herself. Believing that the gods wish for Cleopatra to rule, Menehet will contribute his regional allies and religious influence to the queen's cause.

13. Navid, The Fool

Navid is a Persian fool who can make Cleopatra laugh like no other. Yet, no one really knows why he's taking part in a war council. Some speculate that he's merely here for stress relief for her grace, though those more astute have made note of his manipulative ways. Navid has a wonderful sense of humor, and has been called "the

most intelligent member of Cleopatra's circle." He is notable for his tendency to find his way into meetings where he does not belong and speak his mind on the topic under the guise of merely entertaining Cleopatra and her compatriots.

14. Iabi, The Street Rat

An Egyptian orphan born in Alexandria must learn quickly or die. In the case of Iabi, this 14-year old quickly mastered the ways of thievery in order to survive. In constant angst over the injustice of his poverty, Iabi has sworn himself to Cleopatra with the hope of change in his heart. Iabi has a vast array of underworld connections in Alexandria, and possesses talents and connections that conventional spies may not.

15. Mobare, Marauder of the White Desert

Mobare is the commander of a ruthless group of bandits situated in the White Desert. The driving factor in Mobare's life is his hatred of the Greeks; Mobare sees them as an invading force responsible for the erosion of the traditional Egyptian way of life. Mobare and his underlings have been responsible for killings, pillaging, extortion, and mass destruction (interestingly, his raids do little to differentiate between Egyptian and Greek). Recently captured, he has entered into an uneasy pact with Cleopatra, entering her service in exchange for the promise of a full pardon (and as some speculate, a chance to spill Greek blood). Mobare commands a moderately sized camp of men well-trained to fight on foot and raid on horseback. In addition, his years of plundering have brought

him a fair amount of wealth. Surprisingly, many in the committee do not trust him, and think that the young exile queen is playing with fire.

16. Eustace, The Drunk

The son of a wealthy sandal salesman, Eustace is a Greek who constantly sees the need to demonstrate to those around him that he has a patron god in the form of Dionysus himself. After a particularly long night of drinking, Eustace accidentally boarded a ship bound for Egypt. Without his sandal wealth (and seemingly the love of his family), Eustace was stuck in this strange land with nothing but an empty bottle and the clothes on his back. He was forced to find a way to make a living for himself or starve. Eventually, Eustace made a career out of tutoring children in Greek and in song. Eustace served in the homes of several wealthy families across Egypt, and thus has many contacts across Egypt as well as back in Greece. Eustace is a Greek Supremacist, thinking that Egyptian culture is in every way inferior to that of the Greeks'. He believes that Greek domination in all manners will improve Egypt, and serves Cleopatra in the hopes of pushing his agenda.

17. Phoxidas, The Mercenary

Phoxidas (or "Phox") is a Greek mercenary and *Nauarchos* ("Leader of the ships"). A soldier in his youth, Phoxidas served in the military during the reign of Ptolemy XII, but retired into great wealth. An eccentric man with a love of danger, Phoxidas used his wealth to start a mercenary band, one that includes a small fleet of

ships allowing for naval operations. Although his fleet isn't as large as that of Ajax, Phoxidas' mercenaries are seasoned warriors and sailors, and can survive what might appear to some as suicide missions.

18. Lucius, The Prince of Cyrene

Lucius is the wealthiest merchant in Cyrene. Born to an affluent Roman family, Lucius quickly grew bored of his life in Rome, and sought out challenge in the "savage" country of Egypt. This venture was a success, as Lucius' great business acumen brought him great wealth. Lucius is a man of immense greed, but can also tolerate hardship. Growing bored once more, Lucius has begun contemplating a career in politics. Wishing to see increased Roman influence over the region, Lucius has thrown in his lot with Cleopatra in an attempt to gain further political influence. Alongside wealth and a large number of well-to-do associates, Lucius is in contact with many higher-ups in Rome, and is rumored to even be a part of the fabled "Order of the Ancients."

19. Vitruvius, The Engineer

Vitruvius is a well regarded Roman civil and military engineer currently constructing an aqueduct in the province of Cyrenaica. Vitruvius is a humanitarian at heart, known for treating his Siwan workers with exceptional kindness. Vitruvius views Ptolemy and his council as tyrants, and hopes that Cleopatra may institute a brighter governance of Egypt. Vitruvius can lead the construction of war machines, bridges, and

similar science and engineering challenges. Vitruvius maintains contact with his colleagues back in Rome.

20. Sehetep, The Crocodile's Tears

Sehetep is the High Priest of Sobek in the city of Krokodilopolis. A quiet and otherwise mundane man, he has been noticed to disappear for long stretches at night. Sehetep wields religious influence in the region, and a sizeable group of followers.

21. Shmadhi, Assistant Priest

A man of humble origins, Shmadhi was raised very religious and lives a simple lifestyle. He believes that religion should be above all else in life and aspires to be high priest one day. Shmadhi hopes to expel all other religious influences (especially the Greek pantheon), ensuring that the Egyptian gods prevail over all others.

22. B'Parsa, The Banker

B'Parsa is an extremely frugal man who is in charge of a couple minor banks in Alexandria. He aspires to expand his banking business into other cities but needs the support and funding from other in the council. On the surface, B'Parsa is an avid supporter of the current regime, but in secret backs Cleopatra in hopes of gaining greater influence (financial or otherwise) in a new Egypt.

23. Veen, The Trader

Veen is a Mediterranean trader with commercial interests across all nations in the Mediterranean. As a result, he believes that there should be warm relations between Egypt and the Romans. Although he is loyal to Cleopatra, his primary concern is the reestablishment of the peace that has allowed his business to flourish. Veen has a small group of merchant vessels at his disposal and contacts around the Mediterranean.

24. Prosak, The Doctor

Prosak is an important doctor within Alexandria and is highly respected amongst court officials. He is wary of the Roman Republic and hopes that Alexandria and his practices are kept safe, yet he is also a Cleopatra loyalist. Prosak mostly keeps to himself, a stoic man but very knowledgeable.

25. Lohmar, The Unaware

A rising civil servant, Lohmar has high ambitions to rise amongst the ranks. However, due to his inexperience, Lohmar has had trouble navigating the complexities of Egyptian court and technology, but he is starting to develop a strong political acumen. A very bright man, hopes to make a big influence in the military operations of the Egyptian army in the next few years -- an influence that can help see through Cleopatra's rise to power.