

Gladiator VI

Chapter 17 "An interview in the dungeon." – 1:33:06 – 1:36:19

Now that everyone knows Maximus is alive, Lucilla visits Maximus in the dungeon.

Before you watch: Vocabulary

assassin

wept

heir

spare

Guard

After you watch I:

Who says this?

- "My family was burned and crucified while they were still alive."
- "Today I saw a slave become more powerful than the Emperor of Rome."
- "This man wants what you want."
- "I knew a man once"
- "Forget you ever knew me."
- "The mob is Rome"



Decide.

- What are Lucilla's intentions do you think?
- Why does she need Maximus to be part of her plan?
- Does Maximus want to be part of her plans?



After you watch II

Answer the questions in your own words.

- Why does Maximus think she is "an assassin"?
- Lucilla says she wept. Why?
- Does Lucilla get on with her brother?
- Lucilla tells Max he has "power", which king? How can it be useful?
- Who is she talking about?

"Lucilla: I knew a man once. A noble man. A man of principles, who loved my father and my father loved him. This man served Rome well."

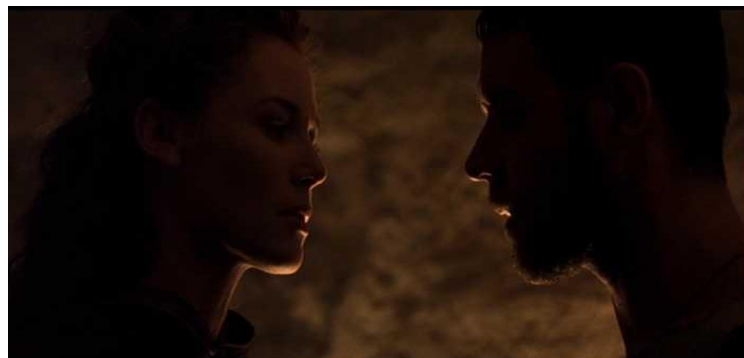
- Does Maximus want to see Lucilla again? Explain.



After you watch III

What will the future bring our characters? Complete these conditions with your ideas.

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| <p>a. If Maximus escaped from Proximo</p> <p>b. Maximus will become Emperor</p> <p>c. If Commodus sends an assassin to Maximus' prison</p> <p>d. If Marcus Aurelius hadn't offered Maximus the Protectorate of Rome</p> <p>e. Lucilla would have been Maximus' lover</p> <p>f. Maximus would be dead now.</p> <p>g. He could have killed Commodus in the arena</p> <p>h. Lucilla could become Empress of Rome</p> | <p>1. Maximus may be killed.</p> <p>2. If he hadn't been married</p> <p>3. If she betrayed Commodus</p> <p>4. If Lucilla's son had come to see the Spaniard in the arena.</p> <p>5. If he can kill the Emperor</p> <p>6. If he didn't fight well</p> <p>7. He might not have suspected of Marcus' death.</p> <p>8. He could try to get his revenge on Commodus</p> |
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| <p>LUCILLA: Rich matrons pay well to be pleased by the bravest champions.</p> <p>MAXIMUS: I knew your brother would send assassins. I didn't realize he would send his best.</p> <p>LUCILLA: Maximus, he doesn't know.</p> <p>MAXIMUS: My son was crucified on the cross.</p> <p>LUCILLA: I knew nothing....</p> <p>MAXIMUS: Don't lie to me!</p> <p>LUCILLA: I wept for them.</p> <p>MAXIMUS: As you wept for your father? As you wept for your father?</p> <p>LUCILLA: I have been living in a prison of fear since that day. To be unable to mourn your father for fear of your brother. To live in terror every moment of every day, because your son is heir to the throne. Oh, I have wept.</p> <p>MAXIMUS: My son was innocent.</p> <p>LUCILLA: So is mine. Must my son die, too, before you can trust me?</p> <p>MAXIMUS: What does it matter if I trust you or not?</p> <p>LUCILLA: The gods have spared you. Don't you understand? Today I saw a slave become more powerful than the emperor of Rome.</p> <p>MAXIMUS: The gods have spared me? I am at their mercy with the power only to amuse a mob.</p> | <p>LUCILLA: That is power. The mob is Rome. While Commodus controls them, he controls everything. Listen to me. My brother has enemies, most of all in the senate. But while the people follow him, no one would dare stand up to him until you.</p> <p>MAXIMUS: They oppose him, yet they do nothing.</p> <p>LUCILLA: There are some politicians who have dedicated their lives to Rome. One man above all. If I can arrange it, will you meet him?</p> <p>MAXIMUS: Do you not understand? I may die in this cell tonight or in the arena tomorrow. I am a slave! What possible difference can I make?</p> <p>LUCILLA: This man wants what you want.</p> <p>MAXIMUS: Then have him kill Commodus!</p> <p>LUCILLA: I knew a man once. A noble man. A man of principles, who loved my father and my father loved him. This man served Rome well.</p> <p>MAXIMUS: That man is gone. Your brother did his work well.</p> <p>LUCILLA: Let me help you.</p> <p>MAXIMUS: Yes. You can help me. Forget you knew me and never come here again. Guard! The lady has finished with me.</p> |
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