

Lucrezia's story in 4 chapters, TLDR at the end

Caesar and Lilith

Lucrezia was born in 2257 in Flagstaff, Arizona, the Capital City of Caesar's Legion. The daughter of Edward Sallow, also known as Caesar, and a tribal woman named Lilith whom Caesar met in 2255, while campaigning against tribes in New Mexico. Lilith was a highly educated doctor and independent researcher who, like Caesar, had gone to study the native tribes in the area and provide humanitarian aid and, like Caesar, had been captured by one of these tribes in 2244. This tribe called the Sedonians spared Lilith after she demonstrated her advanced knowledge of medicine by healing several of the Sedonians. She eventually convinced the very superstitious and primitive tribespeople into believing that she was a Goddess and became the Chieftess of the tribe. As the leader of the Sedonians, Lilith sought to expand her influence so she could care for more of the primitive tribals. She warded off threats from enemy tribes and terrified them into submission by utilizing a personal cabal of assassins and spies, along with clever acts of deception and subterfuge to convince both her own subjects and her enemies that she possessed magical powers and that they would face her divine wrath were they to cross her or her tribe. In 2255, Caesar's scouts reported to him of the Sedonians and their society. Caesar had once met Lilith when she visited the Followers in Nevada on her way to New Mexico. Caesar was impressed by how she had conquered and strengthened the Sedonians, as he had with the Blackfoot. He sent envoys to arrange a meeting between himself and Lilith. Upon this meeting, Caesar and Lilith became enamored with each other and began a secret relationship. Both of them had been educated by the followers of the apocalypse and had decided to utilize their knowledge to unite the wastelands, no matter the cost. Lilith agreed to assimilate her tribe into the Legion, the women becoming the first Priestesses of Mars and the men becoming Legionaries. To the rest of the wasteland, it appeared as though the Sedonians had simply disappeared.

Childhood

In 2257, Lilith gave birth to her and Caesar's daughter, whom they named Lucrezia. Weakened by childbirth, Lilith died of infection in the days following Lucrezia's birth. Lucrezia was raised deep in Legion territory, and her existence was kept secret to all except a select few. She grew up having seen very little of the world outside Legion territory. As far as she knew, the Legion was the sole bastion of logic, civilization, and moral integrity in a completely chaotic and primitive world inhabited by all manners of monsters, human or otherwise. Other groups and so called nations only stumbled towards these concepts, according to her teachers. Rome was the light that would serve as a cultural beacon to lead humanity out from the darkness, and the Legion was fighting for Rome and its future. Tutored by the Priestesses of Mars, and trained by the Legion's elite, Lucrezia was raised to be Caesar's heir. Her father ensured she received the best education and training but although Caesar certainly felt a fatherly love for Lucrezia he could not afford to excessively spoil or shield her. She had to have a thick skin and a strong mentality if she was to fulfill the roles she was expected to. There was some wholesomeness in their relationship, and the two shared some sincere moments as father and daughter, however Caesar treated her with the professional stoicism that most teachers or military officers would treat their children with if they were in their class or unit. Her accomplishments were rarely

praised, as she was expected to meet high standards. She defeated countless instructors, outmaneuvered opposing teams in war games, and intellectually bested her teachers and yet she received no words of praise from her father. However despite these frustrations she still knew her life was pampered and easy in comparison to many others. Throughout her childhood Lucrezia watched as countless people in Legion territory were appropriated as resources to sustain the Legion war-machine. The men being conscripted to fight wars of conquest and the women forced into slavery in logistical or married off to high-ranking Legionaries. Even those who were left behind in peace with the raiders, gangsters, and tribals gone were left without the freedom to do as they pleased or travel outside of Legion borders. Lucrezia saw the obvious contradictions between the Legion supposedly being a force of good while committing atrocities and treating most people as war supplies, but whenever she raised the question to her father or teachers, they assured her it was all in the name of the future Rome that would be established. Whenever she was taken on training expeditions, the horrible state of the wasteland she witnessed convinced her that the future nation that the Legion was fighting for deserved to exist again. She saw parallels between the post-apocalypse world and the history of the world during the Fall of the Western Roman Empire and the negative effects caused by it. She took inspiration from the history books of reconquests of Belisarius and the Byzantine Empire and the concept of *transatio imperii*. She believed that Roman culture was a force of social unity and forward thinking that would cultivate an ideal environment for a nation that could truly bring civilization to the wastelands as corrupt and ineffective nations like the NCR were not politically or ideologically strong enough to take the reins. She agreed that the wastelands needed a firm hand to be civilized and like Belisarius she would be the hand that would rebuild Rome once again. And with the burdens of democratic bureaucracy out of the way, she, as the Empress of Rome, could create an effective and modern autocracy that could then build a prosperous, peaceful, civilized and cultured society. With her extensive education in the arts and training in many forms of combat, she was not only the perfect heir but also the perfect general. She could see the Legion finally conquer a place to found a proper capital city. New Vegas would be the New Rome of the New Roman Empire, and Lucrezia would be its first Empress, according to Caesar's plans.

Introduction to War

In 2274, When Lucrezia was 16, she embarked on her first campaign, closely overseen by her advisors, against the Pueblo League in New Mexico, the last obstacle to the Legion's complete conquest of the area. Although she performed excellently and impressed her advisors, she did not impress her father. After months of supervision in combat she had grown frustrated with her inability to achieve substantial victories and with the prolonged nature of the campaign against the towns, so Lucrezia devised a plan to decapitate the League's leadership by kidnapping the families of each town's council members to blackmail them into revealing sensitive information and issuing misleading orders. Other more easily intimidated leaders could then be swiftly bribed and those who couldn't be bought or scared were assassinated. Her efforts succeeded in bringing the League to its knees and the campaign to a successful end. When Lucrezia returned to her father and told him the story of her conquest of the league, she finally heard her father say for the first time in her life that he was proud of her. In 2275, she took part in the Conquest

of Denver, and watched as the new Legate of the Legion, Lanius annihilated the local tribes. It was she who saved the Hangdogs from utter extinction when she convinced Lanius to slaughter all their sacred dogs, instead of massacring all the survivors of the tribe. In 2274, The Legion's scouts had also just discovered that Nevada's Hoover Dam was still intact and was being contested by the New California Republic, who had also recently arrived in the Mojave in 2272. In 2275, Lucrezia arrived in the Mojave, during its first year of open conflict between the NCR and the Legion.

Prelude to the Mojave

She continued to impress her father by leading several successful campaigns on her own, eventually founding the Speculatores from among Frumentarii chosen to help her dismantle the Pueblo League's leadership. Their elite skills made them perfect for the first agents of the new division. She convinced her father to allow her recruit any Legionaries as she saw fit to a small personal unit and even persuaded him to allow other women in her unit by arguing that experiments with female soldiers would be necessary for the day the Legion transformed into a legitimate Empire and that a few female legionaries wouldn't raise that many eyebrows, especially if their skills in combat spoke for themselves. Using her own soldiers as a tool for evolution, Legionaries would be steadily introduced to the idea of fighting alongside women, while also being introduced to the prospect of future changes to the Legion's structure. Contrary to the average Legionary, who was totally stoic and solely focused on his martial duties, Lucrezia still had a soft spot and intended to form a group of men and women that could become the family she never had. Lucrezia wanted to fight alongside friends instead of drones. Friends who could understand and share her visions for the post-apocalypse world. Lucrezia was aware of obvious downsides of the Legion's ruthless mentality. Soldiers were indeed needed with the strength necessary to do what had to be done, but in her eyes the ideal soldiers also needed to believe in who and what they were fighting for. The future needed to be achieved by the hopes and sacrifices of flesh and blood warriors with passionate love for their future Rome. She was with the Legion scout, Ulysses, when he first found the Hoover Dam, and along with it, the NCR. Lucrezia and Ulysses were very close friends and she considered him to be her closest companion. She helped Ulysses train the White Legs in Zion, and as the tribe attempted to honor Ulysses by adopting the hairstyle of his tribe, the Twisted Hairs, so too they did they attempt to honor Lucrezia by painting their faces in red, attempting to imitate the red makeup she wore. While Ulysses was offended by their mangled appropriation of his tribe's honored custom, Lucrezia simply found the White Legs meaningless religious fanaticism to be an amusingly pale imitation of cultures from a greater past. Soon after the events of Zion, Ulysses and Lucrezia had a conversation where he spoke cryptic and ominous words to Lucrezia about what results their actions would yield for the lands they had traversed and conquered. Not too long after their conversation, he disappeared. Lucrezia considered this a betrayal, as in her eyes Ulysses had abandoned the Legion as well as her. She determined that Ulysses had given up on their shared vision of a better future for the lands conquered by the Legion. Lucrezia and her Speculatores later fought in the First Battle of Hoover Dam and after their defeat, she organized and cleared the way for most of the Legion survivors of the battle in a tactical retreat. She then fought in the conquest of Denver, Colorado in 2279. In Colorado, she prepared herself and her forces for the coming war with the NCR, a conflict she saw as inevitable. She no longer

treated any enemy without caution and operated with the utmost ruthlessness. In late 2280, Lucrezia received the orders she had awaited for a long time, she was to finally march to the Mojave Desert of Nevada, and report to a place called Fortification Hill, near where the Legion had previously amassed before the First Battle of Hoover Dam. After securing Fortification Hill, and a shoreside location down the river called Cottonwood Cove, Lucrezia and her troops fought on the frontlines. After being tasked with eliminating the NCR outpost of Camp Searchlight, Lucrezia and Vulpes devised a master plan to irradiate the camp and render it unusable to the NCR. It was Lucrezia's spies who infiltrated the camp and unleashed the toxic waste. With Camp Searchlight eliminated as a threat, Lucrezia continued fighting on the frontlines of Lake Mead and the Colorado River. She eventually participated in the Battle of Nelson. Afterwards, she received word from Vulpes of an important mission to retrieve a precious shipment being handled by a courier company in the Mojave. The orders came from Caesar himself. Upon hearing of this, Lucrezia immediately returned to the Fort to begin her new mission...

Lucrezia's companions. A lot of them are mods. Ulysses was modded into the game with dialogue and Otho was modded to look and sound different.

The Frumentarii

Lucrezia led the Frumentarii while Vulpes served as her second in command. Her other most favored companions who accompanied her the most were; Raul, Vanessa, Veronica, Cass, Willow, Achilles, Ulysses, Otho, and Titus, Remus, and Adelphus.

Vanessa - Vanessa was a young girl in her 20's by 2281, whose farm in California had been taken by the NCR to make way for a military construction project. With no money and with NCR military jobs being the only work around, her brothers, uncles, and her father were all forced to join the NCR military to make ends meet. They were all eventually killed during the NCR's conflict with nearby tribals, who eventually overran the area and captured the outpost built upon her old home, which the tribals had never had reason to target before, and where she and her family had even traded and conversed with the visiting tribals. Veronica's mother and sister later died to diseases they contracted while burying the decaying corpses of her brothers that they had found in the remains of the NCR outpost. Vanessa never found her father or uncle, but she knew they had perished as the NCR was withdrawing and her father and uncle had still not come home despite having nowhere else to go. Veronica was left destitute. Starving and alone with not enough local game to hunt she, turned to attacking traders. Though her tenure with the tribes did not last long as NCR reinforcements eventually arrived and decimated the tribals. Vanessa was found by Lucrezia and her troops after she attacked an NCR caravan in anger and was wounded, stumbling into the desert and passing out. Lucrezia then talked with Vanessa and decided she would be a perfect Speculatore. Having been through much at the hands of the NCR, seeing them as nothing more than gangsters with uniforms, Vanessa joined the Legion.

Veronica - Veronica was a young female Brotherhood of Steel journeyman scribe who had been ostracized from the Brotherhood due to her differing ideals and sexuality. As a lesbian, Veronica came to not very widely accepted in a faction that valued internal membership and confidentiality, and therefore heavily valued widespread procreation to keep the Brotherhood population high. Veronica was born into the Brotherhood, like virtually every member of the organization in the 23rd century. Her father was a paladin and her mother a scribe. Both were killed in the same battle with the New California Republic while she was still a child, and she was brought up by the whole Brotherhood as a result. She could not even remember where this battle was or what it was fought for. This had largely contributed to the evolution of her belief that the Brotherhood's struggle is futile, as so many more of the Brotherhood's battles have been the same. Father Elijah took a keen interest in her education, becoming her tutor and eventually a parental figure, the next best thing. Veronica never had a grandfather and Elijah was what she imagined one would be like. From a very young age, before she was even able to speak, according to her, she demonstrated an aptitude for engineering. Taking things apart and putting them back together, this drive and natural curiosity led her to choose the career of a scribe within the Brotherhood, turning her from a tinkerer into an engineering prodigy, in no small part thanks to Elijah's guidance. His technological genius rubbed off on her in many ways, but perhaps the most important thing he taught her was irreverence for dogma and authority. His years-long bickering with the elder council taught her to question the Brotherhood's direction. As an adolescent, Veronica fell in love with Christine Royce, another scribe. However, their budding relationship was frowned upon by some members in the Brotherhood, who believed that the limited numbers of the order meant that everyone was obligated to procreate. Eventually, Christine's parents prevailed and she left the Brotherhood to put distance between her and her parents. Veronica was unable to convince her to stay and could not bring herself to abandon the order. She never realized the truth, however, that it was Elijah who was responsible for the breakup, using his status to break them apart. She never learned that Christine didn't actually leave the Brotherhood either; instead finding new purpose as a member of the Circle of Steel. Unwilling to leave the Brotherhood behind, when it was Veronica's turn to make the decision, she chose to remain. Christine believed in what the Brotherhood stood for, or at least the values at the heart of their beliefs. Elijah's influence also played a role in her decision. When the Council decided to deal with him by promoting him out of the way, assigning him to investigate the Hoover Dam in Nevada, he asked her to join him in founding a new chapter. He tricked the elders into approving the assignment, concealing this fact from Veronica. At first, Veronica was elated to join her foster parent on such an important expedition. However, when Elijah sidetracked the chapter at HELIOS One, she started having doubts in him and his mysterious agenda. Although she was his confidante, trusted with recovery runs and intel he wouldn't give to anyone else, she started seeing his nasty character flaws, beginning with his obfuscations. He never told her the reason why he had her looking for various pieces of technology, some ominous, some random. The biggest change came in 2274, when news of the NCR's deployment to Hoover Dam reached the chapter at HELIOS. The elder flew into a rage, calling the NCR children playing with a bomb. It was then that Veronica realized he wasn't mad because of what he could do with the dam, but rather, being denied its power. Despite her relationship with Elijah, she was still a 20 year old scribe with no ability to influence the direction of the Brotherhood. She watched powerlessly as the chapter waged a guerilla war against the

NCR over the next two years. During Operation: Sunburst, the chapter lost half their members, but Veronica survived. After the battle, Elijah was nowhere to be found. As the Brotherhood under the newly appointed elder, Nolan McNamara, entered a protracted lockdown to protect themselves from the NCR's Army and Rangers and rebuild its strength, Veronica became an outspoken critic of the Brotherhood's policies. Her difficult questions combined with her status as a veteran of HELIOS One made the leadership uncomfortable. To keep her away from the elder and the bunker Heads, she was designated a procurement specialist and permitted outside the bunker to make regular supply runs and obtain provisions and other necessities for her peers. She was keenly aware of the reasons behind her new assignment, made even more frustrating by the fact that she got along with other members well as long as Brotherhood politics weren't involved. Some exceptions included Head Scribe Lars Taggart, who tutored her and grew to dislike her attitude, Head Paladin Edgar Hardin, a hardliner, and Senior Initiate Melissa Watkins, likely for the same reasons Senior Scribe Linda Schuler disliked the initiates. On the other hand, she got on particularly well with Senior Paladin Ramos, who had a soft spot for Veronica's antics, as well as Scribe Ibsen, Knight Torres and the aforementioned Scribe Schuler. Being a journeyman scribe, Veronica was responsible for acquiring supplies for the Hidden Valley bunker along with the other duties of a scribe, but relished her time above ground and to explore life outside of the bunker. With almost everyone glad to have her out of the bunker, her extended absences were rarely a problem. However, by 2281, Veronica had become increasingly irritated by what she saw in the Brotherhood of Steel's strict adherence to the Codex and its unrealistic and uninformed views of themselves and the world. Veronica was a perpetual outsider caught between her loyalty to the Brotherhood and troubling doubts about the validity of their current course. Whenever she had time above ground, Veronica jumped at the first chance that let her explore the various groups of the Mojave Wasteland, hoping for insight on a world view that is not from a bunker. While her absence from the bunker did keep her out of command's hair, her exposure to the outside world only made her more aware of the Brotherhood's failure. Watching the influx of NCR troops, merchants, and citizens to the Mojave made her realize even further how the Brotherhood had failed to adapt. The Brotherhood wanted to seize military technology, to control it so that it couldn't destroy humanity again. The single-minded pursuit of this goal resulted in stagnation, a failure to adapt to the shifting landscape of the wastes. The NCR had an army, a nation, and controlled the dam. Meanwhile, the Brotherhood was stuck in a glorified hole in the ground, unable to carry out its mission. Yet it still refused to change, to start helping people and serve humanity, rather than itself. She didn't need to be a scribe to realize that the Brotherhood was doomed in the long run. Even with laser rifles and power armor, the Brotherhood was fast running out of people to bear these arms into combat, and as their power waned, their competitors' waxed. Without a radical course correction, she was staring at a lifetime of scavenging and watching her friends die pointlessly in lost battles. By 2281, five years after the fall of HELIOS One, Veronica was at her wits' end. Veronica did not believe the Brotherhood is suited to be the sole inheritor the world technological legacy, nor did she believe the factions of the world would ever be willing to relinquish their tech. Furthermore she did not believe that the Brotherhood had the power to take said technology from them. Her concerns were echoed by her father figure and mentor, the previous Brotherhood Elder, Elijah. After the Battle of Helios One, she was heavily disillusioned with the Brotherhood, and sought to convince them to change their view on technology and

politics. Increasingly torn between loyalty to her friends and unwillingness to join them on the funeral pyre of the order, she sought to learn from the thriving cultures of the wasteland as she collected supplies for the bunker. She hoped to find some sort of solution that could help save the Brotherhood, but her irreverent attitude put her dangerously close to outright banishment. Even Elder McNamara, the most progressive member of the chapter after Veronica, was unwilling to bend on what he considered the Brotherhood's core beliefs. The fact that she received a curious note from Father Elijah didn't help to ease her concern. The letter from this ghost of her past indicated a delusional, unstable personality, claiming to have the salvation the doomed Brotherhood needed. The familiar signature made it plain that it came from Elijah and only strengthened her resolve to try a solution that didn't involve wiping the slate clean, as Elijah had promised to do in his letter. Although she focused on finding something to force the Brotherhood to change, she also had personal goals to keep her sane. Chief among these was finding a proper dress for herself, something that would allow her to feel like a woman once in a while. She hoped to find a designer gown one day, but until then, she kept looking. To these ends she traveled the Mojave, attempting to find something that she could use to convince her comrades in the Brotherhood that they need not fear the surface nor cooperation with the people who live on it. During her travels, she was found by Lucrezia, who was open with her about her allegiance to Caesar's Legion, much to Veronica's surprise as she could not believe Lucrezia would admit to being allied with a faction that had so many enemies. She herself had initially hid her allegiance from Lucrezia, as she did with most people she met. This affected her perception of justice and convinced her that there were people in the Mojave who genuinely believed in what they were doing even when their action consisted of extreme brutality. She had previously always considered the Legion to be barbaric but was now considering the primitive nature of her own comrades who had failed to adapt to the wasteland even as a faction as seemingly barbaric as the Legion manage to adopt with little trouble. Veronica was intrigued by Lucrezia and wondered if Lucrezia genuinely believed in her claim that the Legion was fighting for the greater good. Seeing a female Legionary also impacted Veronica's perception of truth as she had heard that the Legion did not accept females and she was now suspicious of relying on information she had gained merely through rumors. Veronica, despite the risks, asked Lucrezia to take her with the Lucrezia's group and travel with them across the Mojave so that she could see how the different factions of the Mojave lived and operated. Lucrezia agreed, but only on the condition that Veronica fight for the Legion and pledge her loyalty to them as well. Though on the condition that she would not have to leave or attack the Brotherhood. Veronica agreed to this and though she was technically still a member of the Brotherhood, she spent most of her time with the Legion, rarely ever returning to Hidden Valley. Though her absence was rarely noticed. Veronica knew deep down that one day the Legion and the Brotherhood would clash heads, but was now questioning where her loyalty truly belonged. She still saw the Brotherhood as her family and despite having grown close to Lucrezia and her group, it was difficult for her to see the brutal and stoic Legion in the same way, but she could not see the Brotherhood as being where her future belonged, nor could she see a future for the Mojave in the Brotherhood.

Willow - Willow was a young teen, abandoned by her family at a young age. Willow lived off the land with her dog, and begged some of the time. NCR citizens showed her little compassion and she had no refuge or resource, when she saw an NCR recruiting office one day, She considered enlisting in the NCR army for money but she could not bring herself to fight for the same people who had treated her without any compassion whatsoever. So she turned to petty theft instead. When she was arrested one day for stealing an apple, an NCR soldier suggested she be shot so that they wouldn't have to deal with her. Willow then mused that the NCR was just as evil as the Raiders and even the Legion slavers she had heard about, if not more. In a split-second moment of rage and desire to survive she stole the pistol of an NCR officer and gunned down the officer and the two troopers who had arrested her. To avoid prosecution for her crimes she fled East into Nevada, eventually making it to the Mojave. She was eventually found by Lucrezia near the Primm. Willow told Lucrezia about her past and Lucrezia explained to Willow that her situation was a perfect example of how the NCR doesn't fight for their country, or for a better tomorrow, but merely for the luxury and privilege of the few who get to experience it. She explained to Willow that the Legion was different and that they were genuinely fighting for a better future for everyone and everything, no matter the cost. Though she was dismayed at the Legion's brutality, she was also entranced by their passion as she had never seen any group that truly believed in their ideology and fought for it so fervently. With nowhere to turn and nothing else to believe in, she joined the Legion.

Cass - Rose of Sharon Cassidy was born to John and Sharon Cassidy in 2254. John Cassidy was a veteran of the wastelands who had once traveled with the Chosen One. He settled down a woman named Sharon, a former tribal from east of the Colorado River, and founded the caravan company, Cassidy Caravans. In 2259, he left the two and journeyed east of California to search for routes to Texas, breaking south through NCR and past Dayglow. He was never heard from again and as a result Cass was raised by her mother. Her father had only left her a name and a pendant. Her mother managed the company for awhile but eventually grew old and passed it down to Cass, who did not much care for running a business but managed to keep it afloat, though she could not stop keep the company from being eclipsed by larger caravan giants like Crimson Caravans. Opportunities in the East motivated Cass to move to the Mojave, however she could not find cheap land that was not in the middle of the frontline between the NCR and the Legion. Therefore she was forced to temporarily set up operations at the Mojave Outpost. However with little funds and a lack of centralized operations, her caravans fell victim to raiders and mercenaries. When Lucrezia encountered Cass in 2277 while spying on NCR Rangers, Cass was drowning her sorrows at the Mojave Outpost bar. NCR Ranger reports had reached her that her caravan had been attacked and "burned to ash," placing an even greater burden on her shoulders. However, threats along the road into the Mojave and problems with NCR paperwork had so far prevented her from leaving the outpost to investigate the attack. When Lucrezia noticed Cass sitting alone at the bar and very drunk, she approached her and sat next to Cass. Hostile at first, Cass quickly opened up about her recent troubles, and her frustration with the Mojave. She was very outspoken on the NCR and Caesar's Legion, mostly pointing out the bureaucratic messes of the NCR and its wealthy elite, while lamenting that the Legion's was not much better due to their treatment of women and excessive brutality. She did,

however concede that Legion supply lines were incredibly safe, unlike NCR supply lines, and mused that what happened to her caravans would never happen in Legion territory. Lucrezia questioned if Cass thought the Legion were better rulers, and Cass responded that those who were subservient to the Legion's will and not enslaved seemed well protected. Lucrezia told Cass that the Legion would afford that same safety to all people, given time and success. Lucrezia discussed the future she envisioned for the Legion, and her view that the NCR was inevitably doomed. Though she did not openly state her allegiance in the presence of so many NCR troopers, she did say that she had much experience with the Legion. Lucrezia and Cass eventually parted and Lucrezia continued her missions. About a week later, Lucrezia's missions had taken her to the main officer of the Mojave Branch of the Crimson Caravans company. There she heard from Alice McLafferty, the CEO of the branch, that an offer of purchase for Cassidy Caravans was to be delivered to Rose of Sharon Cassidy, who had just been found at the Mojave Outpost. Lucrezia volunteered for this job and delivered the offer to Cass at the outpost. Cass initially refused to sell the company, but eventually relented when Lucrezia pointed out how much pain the company had brought her, and questioned her upon whether she was willing to languish at the Outpost, wasting away like her company. Cass, horrified at the idea and desperate to start a new life, agreed to sell the company. However, without the company, she now felt lost without purpose. Lucrezia then proposed that Cass' new purpose be something that truly mattered, as opposed to something she was forced into. Lucrezia questioned Cass if she truly cared about a safe and prosperous West, as they had discussed in their first meeting. Cass responded that she did, if such a thing was actually possible. Lucrezia then proposed that Cass come with her, to which Cass questioned why, Lucrezia responded that Cass would either continue rotting away at the outpost bar, or find just as meaningless a purpose as she had before. Cass then reluctantly agreed to come with Lucrezia. The next day, Lucrezia revealed that she was Caesar's daughter and an agent of the Legion, surprising Cass greatly as she did not think the Legion would allow women. Lucrezia told Cass that the Legion would indeed change one day, and that together they could see to that goal. Cass was inspired upon the thought of a civilized Mojave, and was eventually persuaded by Lucrezia to join the Legion. Soon after joining the Legion, Cass managed to convince Lucrezia to take her and a group of Legionaries to search for the remains of her caravans. Upon finding one of the caravans, they discovered they had not been burned to ash in the sense that they have been set ablaze, as Cass assumed, but rather in the sense that they had actually been disintegrated with energy weapons. Cass and Lucrezia knew this could not be the work of raiders as the attack was far too organized and the weapons used, far too advanced. They continued tracking down the ruined caravans until they discovered one of them with the bodies of Van Graff and Crimson Caravan mercenaries nearby. They then knew immediately who was responsible for attacking Cassidy Caravans. Cass vowed vengeance and proposed that they attack the traders immediately, however Lucrezia cautioned that such a move was too dangerous at the moment, and well outside their mission parameters. Lucrezia did however vow to her comrade that she would see Cass' vendetta completed one day. In 2281, 4 years later, the Mojave War was at its most intense, and Lucrezia and Vulpes devised a plan to cripple NCR supply reserves by forcing the major trading companies out of the Mojave. To this end, plans were drawn up to attack the Van Graffs, Crimson Caravans, the Gun Runners, and several other companies. Cass' vengeance was finally at hand. Legion troops stormed the headquarters of each company

branch. Gloria and Jean-Baptiste Van Graff and Alice McLafferty were all captured and taken to Cass so that she could personally decide their fate. Cass has Gloria and her brother impaled, and had Alice McLafferty stoned to death. With this bloodshed, she had finally avenged her friends and employees killed by her corporate competitors, as well as the destruction of her company. The attacks succeeded in intimidating most of the NCR's corporate allies into withdrawing their support the Mojave, and in the following months, the NCR supply lines was heavily reduced.

Raul - Born in 2047, Raul had a long and storied history by the year 2281. Before the Great War, Raul was a delinquent living at Hidalgo Ranch outside Mexico City. He was a good shooter and mechanic, both of which occasionally got him in trouble with the law, although his family mostly kept him in line. The ranch survived the war due to its distance from the city, but the stream of refugees from more heavily-affected areas proved difficult to deal with. The Tejada family was as accommodating as they could be, but they soon began running out of food and lodgings, and had to start turning people away. The situation at the ranch eventually became so violent and unstable that Raul and his father had to drive off the refugees with their guns. Later that night, after the Tejadas had gone to sleep, around two dozen people arrived, barred the doors, and set the house ablaze. Raul and his younger sister Rafaela managed to escape out a window, but his parents, grandmother, two brothers, and two other sisters were not as fortunate. Raul and Rafaela ran from the ranch being pursued by the group that attacked their home. He killed the ones that came after them, but the rest he left be, not wanting to risk Rafaela's safety for simple revenge. After the fire, Raul knew that they could not stay at their ranch anymore and the refugees wanted him dead so badly they put a bounty out on him. Despite his sister's fears, he convinced her to come with him to Mexico City by promising to take her to see the vaqueros. They thought they should go to Mexico City to look for help, not understanding the true danger of atomic detonations. Though it wasn't hit as hard as other places, by the time the Tejadas reached Mexico City, it could only be described as a "radioactive ruin." The people inside the city got by through looting, already forming the area's first raider tribes. The Tejadas were living like scavengers, constantly searching for both food and medicine for Raul's burns. This is the time Raul believes that his ghoulfication began. One day Raul found a novelty costume shop looking for something to slice up and bandage his burns with. He found an old vaquero outfit inside, still untouched on the rack, and wore it back to their camp. Rafaela loved it; it made her laugh for the first time since the bombs fell. However, it was dangerous to be dressed this noticeably. Between such a distinctive outfit and his stellar gunslinging skills, Raul started to become known and feared as the "Ghost of Mexico City," and while his reputation sometimes drove off trouble, it also attracted problems in the form of glory-seeking gunslingers hoping to gain fame by killing him. Though this worried him, Raul kept wearing the outfit due to how happy it made his sister, and his legend in the area continued to grow. Feeling increasingly optimistic about him and his sisters' chances, Raul started to play with the thought of carving out a permanent niche in Mexico City, but things would soon take a turn for the worse. Getting increasingly sick and weak from radiation exposure, Raul eventually found himself too ill to go out scavenging with his sister (this illness was to be indicative of the early stages of "ghoulification"), and as such she was left to provide for the two on her own. One day, after she

failed to return from a market where she had been scavenging for food, Raul went in search of her only to find her brutally murdered, her corpse so badly mutilated by the city's raiders that she was only identifiable by a tiny scar on her knee. Raul tracked down the raiders responsible at the market and killed them to the last man, afterward shunning the vaquero outfit that had brought him the fame that he felt had killed his sister. Raul left every aspect of his former life behind including, as Raul often joked, "his face", he wandered to the Gulf Coast and inhabited an unclaimed Petró-Chico refinery. He spent a long period of time here, thinking about his life so far. He found a Petró-Chico jumpsuit and began to wear it, taking the name "Miguel" from the suit's sewn-in nametag. He eventually arrived in the city of Tucson, Arizona, now known as Two Sun. He settled there, becoming a mechanic and a general handyman, his guns stashed away where they could do no further harm. After 75 years of relative peace, he met Claudia, a prostitute working in a local brothel who bore a striking resemblance to Rafaela. Spurred by this reminder of what he had lost, he took the time to look out for her, though, for obvious reasons, he never visited her. However, this peace was not to last. Arizona, had been overrun with raiders and tribals before the rise of Caesar's Legion brought stability to the region. One day, Dirty Dave, a notorious raider, and his six brothers came to town looking for bullets. Raul sold them ammunition, hoping they would leave now that they had what they wanted. Instead, they decided they wanted the brothel. Once in the brothel, Dave and his brothers killed four girls and took Claudia for their own use. Raul gave chase, and after a three-day pursuit across the wasteland, Raul caught up with them. By the time he found Claudia, she was already dead. Enraged, Raul charged in and killed all of them in the resulting showdown. Youth, however, was not on his side anymore and the battle left him severely injured; he only stayed alive out of pure spite for Dirty Dave and his brothers. Having taken several bullets, Raul stayed at their camp until he got the strength to get up and walk back to Two Sun, eventually recovering. Feeling dejected, Raul wandered west to the Mojave Wasteland, where he built himself a small shack in a relatively quiet corner of the desert east of New Vegas, and settled down there, spending his days listening to the Black Mountain Radio. Raul struggled with to maintain a positive sense of self-worth, but was alone, purposeless, and weakened by age and ghouification. He heavily desired to rid himself of his ghoul form, and sought out scientists and old tech. Eventually Raul found an eccentric and mysterious, but seemingly sane scientist and self-proclaimed "revolutionary doctor". The man claimed that he has invented an experimental treatment that could theoretically cure Raul of his ghouification and change him back to human form, however he demanded a wildly extravagant payment, and Raul's promise not to retribution should the experiment be unsuccessful. Raul agreed, having saved a large amount of caps over his many years. When the procedure began, Raul was rendered unconscious and when he awoke, he was nowhere to be found. Raul assumed the procedure had failed, as he did not look or feel any different at the time, however his flesh eventually began to grow back, and his ailments were steadily relieved. Despite being an normal human on the outside again, Raul did not continue aging as a normal human would. Raul did not feel any younger, but he did not feel the effects of ghouification either. Raul was astounded by his condition but he continued with his life without finding the doctor who had performed the operation. One day, Raul lost the signal being transmitted and decided to wander up to Black Mountain to investigate. There he offered his services to Tabitha, the nightkin who broadcasted there, and fixed the transmitter, but to his dismay, Tabitha decided to imprison him for his efforts, and threatened him into working for her,

mostly with repairing broken toasters for the super mutants as well as performing repairs to her broken Mr. Handy, Rhonda. In 2277, Lucrezia and her Gladiators were sent to occupy various sites deemed suitable for use as Legion Forward Recon outposts. Black Mountain was one of these sites, as despite being irradiated, it still contained extensive amounts of servicable communications equipment and the radiation levels were deemed manageable. Upon arrival at the Mountain, Lucrezia was confronted by a super mutant named Neil, who informed her of the situation at the Mountain, and how Tabitha has wrested control of the super mutants and captured Raul. Lucrezia convinced Neil to help her defeat Tabitha and had Neil lure the Nightkin to a dead end on the mountain, where they were ambushed and killed by the Legion troops. The Legion then managed to take control of the site, despite heavy resistance from the super mutant inhabitants. After the battle, Lucrezia allowed Tabitha to go free on condition that she rally the rest of the nearby mutants and take them away from the Mojave. This was a trick to get as many of Tabitha's followers as possibly into one group where they could all be massacred. Lucrezia dispatched Legionaries to follow Tabitha's group and though ambush was a success, it was reported that Tabitha's body could not be found among the dead Nightkin and super mutants. After Lucrezia had sent Tabitha away, she and her Legionaries began searching the complex and found Raul in a storage building. Raul asked if Lucrezia intended to enslave him, upon which she replied that she did not. Raul then asked to be freed but otherwise seemed largely apathetic, though noticeable lonely. Lucrezia told Raul he was free to go, but she could tell that Raul was reluctant to return to living in the wastes alone. She then offered to take him along with her, but stated that she did not take passengers or tourists along, and that he would need to be loyal to her and the Legion if he was to come along. Raul agreed, having always appreciated the Legion in his own way, though he had never tried to join as he did not think they would take him. Raul's time in the Gladiators gave him a new taste of adventure, and reminded Raul of his tumultuous past, prompting him to consider if he should embrace his old gunslinging ways, in which case he would be forced to decide between two different ways of life. When compared to most other people of the Wasteland, Raul was very tolerant and even approving towards the Legion. He had not been affected by the Legion's presence on the wasteland and greatly admired the security and order brought by the Legion, considering that what happened to him, Rafaela, and Claudia would never have occurred had the Legion come to power sooner. However, by the time he joined the Legion, he had already felt a degree of animosity towards the New California Republic, acknowledging their successes, while criticizing their failures, and proposing that they were causing the same problems as the pre-War governments which had destroyed the world had. Seeing his Legion comrades, the only family he has known in many years, being killed by the NCR for trivial and selfish reasons has only exacerbated his contempt of the NCR, steadily turning it into subtle hatred. He also had quite an insightful amount of knowledge about Mr. House, as Raul knew of House's pre-War exploits, and praised his foresight and power, while criticizing his apparent reluctance to use those quality to help any one else but himself and the elites of Vegas. He ultimately believes in the Legion's goals, and is one of Lucrezia's most loyal followers, seeing him like an uncle and being seen by him like a close niece.

Achilles - Achilles of Atlanta was born in 2256. Unlike most Legionaries, he was neither born into the Legion nor a conquered tribal. Instead, Achilles was born the outskirts of the city of

Atlanta, Georgia. Achilles was originally named David and was born to into small nomadic scavenger group that was not large enough to be called a tribe, nor did they have their own culture. Instead, David and his mother travelled with a group that varied in size throughout the years but was never larger than than ten. His mother met his father while her group was staying at a hotel one night in Charlotte, South Carolina, and she spent a night with the man. She moved on the next morning and never got to tell the man about the baby she would end up having. To take care of the new baby, the group settled in Atlanta for 4 years, but when the area became too lacking in supplies and to overrun with raiders, the group moved on. The group kept moving over the years and eventually reached New Mexico. The group had slept in tents and old buildings, searching old stores for food and supplies, and old libraries for knowledge on survival. David spent much time these old libraries and developed a particular interest in historical, political, military and ideological literature. He learned much about the old world and the modern one through all the books he read and collected. Achilles read a great deal about weapons and military tactics and strategies. David put this knowledge to use very often when his group was confronted by raiders, mutants, or other threats. His nomadic lifestyle taught him much about survival, and David was very proficient at maintaining the firearms and other weapons he and his group scavenged, and also creating weapons. Despite the attempts of David's group to avoid conflict, they were still victim to raider attacks. On one night, a member of David's group fell asleep during his lookout shift, and the group was attacked by raiders, David fired back at the raiders with his rifle but when he saw his mother get shot he instantly flew into a rage, discarded his rifle and charged the at the raiders. The near pitch black darkness was only illuminated by the strobing lights of the muzzle flashes, which David used to see find his enemies before they could find him. One by one he tore and hacked at the raiders with his survival hatchet. When his hatchet became lodged in the skull of one of the raiders, David picked up a rock and began to bash in the skulls of the raiders, and rip out the throats of several others with his bare teeth. After what seemed like an eternity, the gunshot and screams and stopped completely. David stumbled among the corpses in the darkness, calling out the names of his group in a whisper, attempting to find any survivors. As his adrenaline died down David began to feel intense pain, and realized he had been shot and stabbed multiple times. David took a moment to catch his breath, but as his lungs steadied, he suddenly began vigorously coughing up blood. He then collapsed and passed out. When he awoke, he was in a Legion tent, being tended to by a slave. David looked behind the slave to see that a Legion Veteran Decanus in ornately decorated armor was sitting at a table in the corner of the tent. The Decanus looked to Achilles and saw that he was awake. The Decanus said his name was Dead Seas and told David how he found him among the corpses, covered in blood, with flesh in his teeth and a rock in has hand. Dead Seas asked David what had happened, and after hearing the whole story, he told David he was impressed at the nature and results of his destructive rage. Dead Seas told David how his vengeful wrath of reminded him of the legendary Greek hero, Achilles, who defeated Hector and Memnon in acts of vengeful retribution for their killing of his comrades. Dead Seas asked David about his past, and what he now intended to do with his future. David told Dead Seas about his past as a scavenger, and how he acquired his knowledge and skills. He also told Dead Seas that was tired of wandering, and tired of feeling lost. And that most of all, he was tired of being taken advantage of and abused by petty savages like the raiders he had slaughtered. David told Dead Seas how he wishes to rid the world of filth

such as them. Dead Seas was impressed with this answer, and offered David a place in the Legion. David accepted, and was given a new name by Dead Seas. Achilles, for the legendary warrior that David had reminded Dead Seas of. David adopted this new name with pride, as he also did with his newfound allegiance to the Legion.

Achilles was far more educated than many Legionaries, and he was quite knowledgeable of history and politics. Achilles hated the NCR. He did not hold the naive view that the NCR was full of bad people, as many Legionaries did, however he knew that it was not filled with good people either. He considered the NCR to be a continuation of a government that had helped destroy the world in a nuclear apocalypse. He understood that democracy and humanitarian rule of law required a level of decency and basic human good that did not exist in the majority of the wasteland. To Achilles, the NCR was at best teaching a generation of misinformed and naive individuals who would end up getting themselves exploited or killed in the savage wasteland, and at worst, leading the world on a repeat path to another apocalypse. It was the NCR that kept the wasteland uncivilized through their misguided efforts to enforce pre-war democratic values, and was therefore responsible for the same sort of atrocities like that which befell his friends and family in New Mexico. Achilles saw the Mojave war as a quest to save the people of the wastelands, and possibly the world. To Achilles, it was the Legion who was to bring about a truly civilized Mojave. Achilles fought at the First Battle of Hoover Dam, and was one of the survivors. Lucrezia that withdrew under Lucrezia's command. During the battle, he had saved Lucrezia from an NCR ranger's grenade. He then continued to fight alongside her, and she came to notice his great skill in combat. After the battle, she approached Achilles and offered him a spot in her Gladiators, which he accepted. Lucrezia went on to recognize Achilles as one of the best warriors she had even encountered, and one of the most intelligent and ideologically sympathetic Legionaries she had ever met. Achilles naturally became one of Lucrezia's closest Gladiators thereafter. During the Conquest of Denver in 2279, Lucrezia and Achilles were trapped together with just each other in a collapsed cave for several days, and during this intimate period the two fell in love. By 2280, Lucrezia and Achilles had been discretely married. They now fight together as husband and wife.

Ulysses - Ulysses was once a member of the Twisted Hairs, a powerful tribe in Arizona that forged an alliance with the fledgling Caesar's Legion in 2247, and became its main scouting force during the conquest of Arizona. Ulysses was born in 2252, and was one of the most successful scouts in the Twisted Hairs, traveling vast distances in search of the enemies of both his and Caesar's tribes. His scouting ability was supplemented by his ability to live off the land, having acute knowledge of herbal remedies and medicines. However, by 2272, the Legion's campaign ended in Arizona, Caesar promptly rewarded their aid by breaking the alliance and betraying them, the Twisted Hairs were conquered and enslaved just as he had done to all the other tribes of Arizona. Their tribal identity was erased and those who resisted were crucified along the sides of I-40. Vulpes Inculca's pacification of Dry Wells in 2273 was a particularly painful moment for Ulysses, though his dedication to Caesar and the flag of the Bull prevented his desertion. This is when he took his moniker of "Ulysses," alluding to the man who fought during a time of two flags, and he had to make them one. Thanks to his ability and his forceful personality, he quickly became an important, indispensable frumentarius of the Caesar's Legion, walking the wastes as a nondescript and unnoticeable courier. Caesar told him to kill no other

member of this profession since, in fact, many couriers were spies for the Legion as well. In 2274, Ulysses was introduced to Caesar's daughter Lucrezia, after she expressed interest in meeting the notorious Frumentarius. Lucrezia was only 14 years old at the time, but she had already killed multiple profligates in battle, and was regarded as a child prodigy in the art of war. Ulysses found Lucrezia charming and the two became fast friends, with Ulysses teaching Lucrezia all he knew, and becoming like another brother figure after Otho. Later that year, after the NCR reached Hoover Dam, Ulysses and Lucrezia crossed the Colorado together and were the first among of the Legion to see both the Dam and the NCR, a nation great enough to challenge Caesar himself. Returning across the Colorado River, Ulysses and Lucrezia went back to Caesar and spoke with him about Hoover Dam and the impending republic. This Old World symbol became an object of obsession for Caesar and his daughter, a great symbol to focus their people on. Ulysses however, believed Hoover Dam might kill Caesar and even possibly the entire Legion, regardless of whether they won or lost. Ulysses even witnessed Caesar's punishment of Joshua Graham following the Legion defeat at the First Battle of Hoover Dam, cementing that Caesar would have this dam at any cost. Ulysses continued to walk the wastes, exploring the wastelands for Caesar. In 2276, he discovered a community called "The Divide" which was, in his own words, "a nation taking its first breath", surrounded and shaped by the symbols of the Old World, with the potential to become a real homeland for Ulysses, beyond the lies and everything else, and a second chance, a new way of thinking out of the Legion. To Ulysses' dismay, the prosperous community was discovered and annexed by the NCR, which in turn drew the attention of Caesar, who sent in a small army to take it over. Ulysses had tentative plans to save the community, but before he could act, Lucrezia, hired by the NCR and sent by Caesar, brought a package from Navarro containing activated ICBM launch codes. Ulysses was fascinated by the package, bearing the sigil of pre-War America, but also one he had never seen before. This device turned out to be a messenger of destruction: someone activated the device, which began "speaking". This, in turn, activated several of the still-active nuclear warheads left in underground silos since the Great War. The results were immediate and devastating; buried deep beneath Hopeville and Ashton, the warheads answered the call in the only way they could: detonation. The land trembled as underground detonations split the earth, killing the settlers and burying both the NCR companies holding the area and Caesar's Legion guerrillas dispatched to cut the supply lines running through the Divide to Hoover Dam. This disaster nearly killed Ulysses, but he was saved by several medical eyebots, who had also been activated when the package was turned on; he speculated that this was because they had recognized the flag of America on his back, believing him to be a pre-war US soldier. Ulysses' life was changed that day, which showed him how a single individual could change history, or erase it. As a survivor of the Divide, he held Lucrezia responsible for the destruction of the place that he believed could have been his true home, "larger than the Bear, greater than the Bull." At the same time, she inspired him. In 2277, he returned to Caesar, learning that the First Battle of Hoover Dam ended in the defeat of Caesar's Legion. In the same year, Caesar sent Ulysses and Lucrezia to the Great Salt Lake as his emissaries, to rally the White Legs against New Canaan and watch over them as they undertook Caesar's test: to cut off the NCR supply lines running through Utah, and to destroy New Canaan, killing the still-living Joshua Graham along with it. During their mission, Ulysses did not confront Lucrezia about the Divide, as he was still undecided on how to approach the matter. While advising the White Legs, he and Lucrezia

became their mentors, the White Legs called him the "Flag-Bearer" for the flag staff he carried, and Lucrezia, the Priestess, as she preached to them of the Legion ideals in a similar way that the mormons gave their religious sermons. They also informed the White Legs about numerous supply caches and bunkers hidden across Utah (like Spanish Fork) that gave them the weapons that they became known for, all the while lying about Caesar's pride in those who used such weapons. The act of deceit posed some problems in Ulysses' mind as did Lucrezia's indifference, he compared himself to *Vulpes Inculca*, the man who had betrayed his former tribe. He was an inspiring presence, but not in the way he wanted to be; the White Legs began to honor him and Lucrezia instead of the Legion. After the sacking of New Canaan, as the White Legs began imitating Lucrezia's red lipstick by painting their faces with red colors to honor her, he observed that the White Legs also began to braid their hair into dreadlocks, as he did. For them, it was a sign of respect for their mentor, for Ulysses, it was a hollow mockery of the ways of his destroyed tribe, the Twisted Hairs, because the significance of the braids was completely unknown to the White Legs. But even then, the braids reminded him of who he was and forced him to realize what he had become. Shortly after the destruction of New Canaan, Ulysses finished his duties to Caesar and left the White Legs to their own devices. He then abandoned the Legion and set out looking for ways to change history himself, and find a way to reawaken America, seeing it as having peaceful yet strong places like the Divide before its destruction, and thinking that the NCR and the Caesar's Legion had no long-term answer for the future of humanity. In his absence Lucrezia was left depressed and angry that the man she thought of as a brother had abandoned her and the Legion. Lucrezia felt betrayed and swore that she would find her brother one day, and force him to answer her questions as to why he had betrayed their family. Ulysses retired to Wolfhorn ranch for a time, to collect his thoughts, appearing to be a successful bighorner rancher and roaming, sometimes as a courier, all the while knowing that his sister was out there looking for him. Sometime later, during his mission to reawaken America, he found Big MT by tracking the irregular weather patterns, knowing the Divide's storms were caused by man and not nature. He followed this inclement weather like following a river current, leaving painted emblems matching the flag on his back in case he lost his way, or as a trail for any who might follow, like his sister Lucrezia. Ulysses finally came to the crater, where he found the Old World facility and the X-17 meteorological station, still active. While there, he was caught up in the conflict between Knight Royce of the Circle of Steel and Father Elijah. At some point, after Elijah spoke with the Think Tank, Ulysses and Elijah made contact soon after, and Ulysses was disgusted by the Elder's fantasies of the continental genocide that he promised would "wipe the slate clean". Ulysses then directed the rogue elder to the Sierra Madre, having heard much about the fabled casino and knowing it would eventually become Elijah's grave. Ulysses would then rescue Royce from the Y-17 medical facility, nursing her back to health in a nearby cave. From Christine, he learned more about the Brotherhood of Steel, enough to decide the Brotherhood was not able to forge the future he wanted to live in. In payment, Christine gave him an old recorder she had managed to repair, which he used to record the logs he left scattered across the Divide. Ulysses then went and spoke with the Think Tank, specifically Doctor Klein, who recalled him as a melancholy fellow who asked a lot about history. Ulysses also spoke with Doctor Mobius. While at the Big Empty, he questioned the Think Tank: "Who are you, that you do not know your history?" This question awakened them and they briefly remembered America, the flag on Ulysses' back – not just a flag, but a place, an

idea they had cared for once before. After this awakening, the Think Tank told him of what "still carries America's voice", deep in the heart of the Divide, the "Divide giants". These were nuclear missile silos scattered across the ravaged landscape and the device was still there to activate them. Whether by their own hand or Mobius', the Think Tank's memory of Ulysses' question was later erased to perpetuate their stay in the Big Empty. Ulysses departed, deciding to reshape the post-apocalyptic world single-handedly, much like Lucrezia had reshaped the Divide.

When he returned to the Mojave from Big MT, he recorded several entries on his philosophies, including his stances on Big MT, Caesar's Legion, the White Legs and history itself. He never intended for Lucrezia to find them, as he casted them out into the Divide, letting the storms spread them; he needed to get his thoughts together in one place so history might be able to hear what he thought. Around this time, Ulysses had heard a rumor that Lucrezia had perished in battle. Ulysses' heart was simultaneously broken and mended at the same time. He felt relieved that she would never again influence the world in such a reckless manner, yet he could not help mourn his sister who he now thought had perished. Ulysses no longer held as much respect for Caesar's Legion as one would expect him to. He believed that Caesar was the only thing holding the Legion together, once he was gone, Ulysses believed the Legion would regress and fall back into warring tribes. However, he still respected the Legion more than the New California Republic: In his opinion, the Legion was far better than the NCR at maintaining an empire and is not at war in itself. Ulysses harbored a lot of hate for the New California Republic. He implied that their spirit is similar to their flag: they are split like a two-headed bear, trying to go in different directions but getting nowhere. He feels the NCR is too busy carving up the Mojave with how civilization should be to see how things truly are. They relied too heavily on laws that do not hold water in the Mojave and were stretched too thin to protect their borders. In the sharpest of irony, the NCR killed people by trying to protect them, and are too blind to see what it is they are creating. All things considered, Ulysses now believed that both the NCR and the Legion carried Old World ideals into a new world that could not foster them and does not need them. Being in between Caesar's Legion and the New California Republic, New Vegas became of great importance to Ulysses. The insides of New Vegas' walls could be considered one of the safest places in the Mojave, but it was what was inside the walls of Vegas that worried Ulysses. To Ulysses, Mr. House had selfishly let the entire world burn while he protected his Kingdom of Las Vegas from the Great War, and given another chance, he would do it again. If anything, New Vegas was proof enough that House could not let go of the Old World. He propped up what was and what should have been left behind and Ulysses did not want to be a part of that world. Ulysses often thought that should House remain independent of foreign influence, it would only be a matter of time before his walls spread and the Mojave became New Vegas entirely. The lights of Vegas blinded House and anyone who came to the city, making them forget themselves and what they sought to do, but Ulysses was not going to be bothered to make the blind see. In 2281, Ulysses was hired by Victor to carry the platinum chip to the Strip's North Gate. He walked the I-15 to Primm and the Mojave Express office, just as Lucrezia would, to receive the delivery order, and was about to accept the job until he saw a name on the list that he knew far too well, it was one that Lucrezia used while undercover. It was a distinct name, one Ulysses knew that only Lucrezia would ever use. He asked Johnson Nash if the name was genuine since he thought the Lucrezia had died at the hands of the NCR. Nash informed him she was still alive. In his desire to force Lucrezia to confront the past and by

respect of the old order of Caesar, Ulysses said, "No, let Courier Six carry the package", expecting the Mojave Wasteland to kill Lucrezia without having to intervene and then left without another word. Years of waiting for Lucrezia to find him proved to be fruitless, and Ulysses determined to lead her to him. On October 19, Ulysses broadcasted a simple message intended for the Courier: the coordinates for the canyon wreckage west of Primm, and the words "Lucrezia. This is Ulysses", wanting to destroy her new home in his reshaping of America before her eyes, as she did for him with the Divide. He made sure to host Lucrezia personally. The message itself was not importable, but the meaning was. Ulysses had to be sure his words would not be lost in paper, ink, or the voices of others. Resolute that Lucrezia would walk roads no one else would, Ulysses lured her to the Divide to walk the road ahead and see what she had truly brought to the Divide.

Vulpes - A remarkable individual from an unremarkable tribe south of Utah, Vulpes was brought into the Caesar's Legion as a child. Having survived training, he was made a legionary and fought well enough to be promoted to the rank of Decanus. He became a Frumentarius following a brilliant tactical maneuver when in a battle against the Gilana tribe in Arizona, he broke ranks, leading his squad through a hole in the enemy defenses and capturing the tribe's chieftain. While his centurion wanted him crucified for disobeying orders, Caesar saw potential in the young Decanus and found a more interesting use for him, introducing Vulpes to Caesar's daughter Lucrezia, who was also known to use ingenious and unconventional strategies and became close friends and comrades with Vulpes. Since then, Vulpes' tactics have been a point of contention among the Legion, while those like Caesar and Lucrezia know of the value in intelligence, sabotage, manipulation during war, not everyone agrees with the methods employed by Vulpes. Especially the most likely candidate for next Caesar of the Legion: Lanius. Vulpes Inculta was responsible for the pacification of the Twisted Hairs at Dry Wells once the Legion's campaign ended in Arizona. Those of the Twisted Hairs who resisted were crucified alongside Interstate 40. By 2280, Vulpes was the leader of the Frumentarii. He and Lucrezia were the masterminds behind many of the Legion's intrigues. Along with helping to orchestrate most of the sabotages west of the Colorado, Vulpes was very capable on his own and a master of disguise, having spied on the New Vegas Strip frequently. Vulpes was a devout believer of the dogma of Caesar, perpetuating all his acts for the Legion, and firmly held loyalty as one the Legion's core tenets, along with martial excellence and justice. Following Caesar's ideals, Vulpes took to psychological warfare and forced indoctrination of the Mojave. In one instance of these acts, Vulpes massacred the casino town of Nipton to send a message that none were safe from Caesar's reach and to prove the moral debauchery of those living under the NCR. Vulpes was particularly disgusted by disloyalty, that of the Nipton resident especially, and made a point of punishing those caught in Nipton in a similar way that disloyalty was punished in the Legion. In an altered version of a Legion decimation, the citizens of Nipton were punished according to the rankings of a lottery. The losers were crucified, while the 4th place winners being stoned or beaten to death, the 3rd place winners being shot, the 2nd place winner being crippled and set free, and the winner leaving unharmed. A special punishment was given to the mayor, Joseph Steyn, who was burned alive on a tire fire for trying to deceive those he put under his care. Vulpes was also disgusted by inaction and selfishness, making note of how,

even though his men were outnumbered by those caught in Nipton, none had tried to revolt during the lottery or save those being executed. While he was far more brutal than Lucrezia, he respected her greatly as she had proven time and time again that she was unwaveringly loyal to the Legion and its goals. The two were also of similar mind in their tactics and strategies and they found that they worked together with masterful effectiveness as Vulpes was no stranger to unconventional practices in pursuit of Legion goals.

Otho - Otho was a man born into Caesar's Legion in 2257. Otho was born to a Legion Centurion named Cassius Brutus who was known as one of the Legion's best warriors' Cassius. Cassius' skill in combat was so highly valued that he was appointed as one of Lucrezia's personal trainers. Otho spent much of his childhood training and fighting alongside Lucrezia, who is in many ways like his sister. Lucrezia was given far more attention by Cassius' and the other trainers, making Otho somewhat jealous of his sister figure. In 2276 Cassius was killed in battle against tribals in New Mexico. Otho greatly desired vengeance, but he was not deployed in the same area. However, Lucrezia, who was serving with Otho at the time, managed to get them a transfer to New Mexico. Together they defeated the tribe that had killed Cassius' and avenged the Otho's father and Lucrezia's mentor. Since then, Otho has been fanatically loyal to Lucrezia. Though his brash attitude could not be tempered, and his tongue could not be dulled, he has fought under Lucrezia with fervent vigor in most of her battles and campaigns. Otho served under Lucrezia at the First Battle of Hoover Dam, and during the Conquest of Colorado. He awaits the day he and Lucrezia can finally rectify their previous defeat at Hoover Dam and finally see the NCR pushed out of the Mojave.

TLDR; Caesar has a daughter with a tribal chieftess. Chieftess dies. Daughter is raised in secret to become Caesar's heir when the Legion finally found Rome and turns from a war machine to a real nation.

Answers to likely questions:

Why would Caesar put all his hopes on one person? Its risky but its been done countless times by countless rulers.

Why would Caesar want a dynastic monarchy? Because the cult of personality that exists ensures the love of the people the effectiveness of an autocracy

Why would she be ok with how women are treated? She's not but she see men and women as resources for the Legion's war machine. All of whom will become real citizens when the Legion becomes a real nation.

Wouldn't this be an issue among legionaries? Any opposition to the idea is smashed by her and her personal guard. It doesnt pose an issue as Legionaries caught talking trash about the situation get executed or harshly disciplined and her combat record speaks for itself.