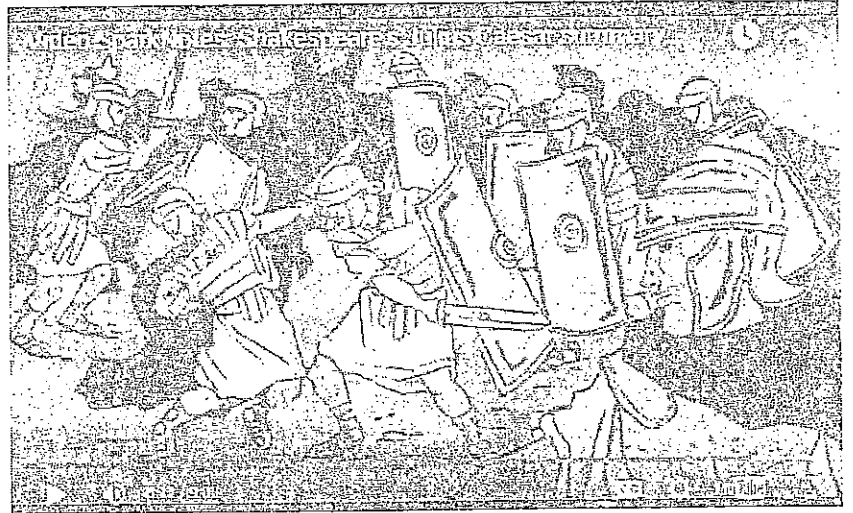


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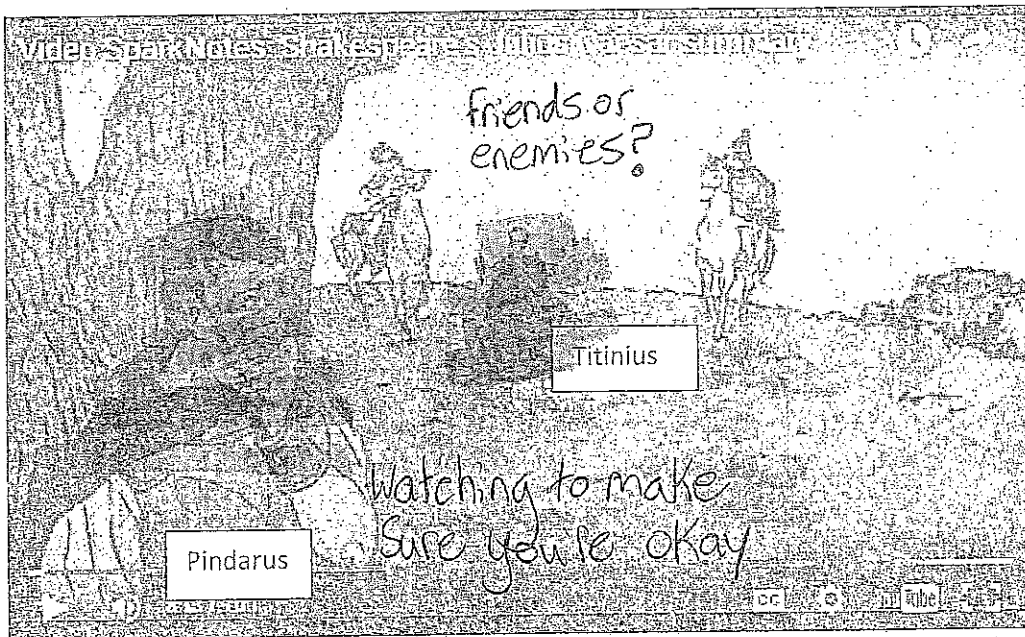
Scene 3: Cassius and Titinius watch the battle from another part of the field. When Cassius's standard-bearer (the guy who carries his battle flag) tried to run away, Cassius kills him & takes the flag. This guy is merciless! Titinius doesn't comment on this behavior but points out that Brutus came down on Octavius's army too early. Though they were initially weaker, Octavius's men now appear to be overtaking Brutus's, and Antony is enclosing Cassius's. The situation is looking pretty dire for Cassius and Brutus.

#Savage



Definition: extremely serious or urgent

Pindarus comes to Cassius and Titinius with the news that Antony has invaded Cassius's tents. He tries to get Cassius to run away, but Cassius is distracted by a set of troops in the distance. Cassius sends Titinius off on horseback to see whether the troops are friends or enemies. He also sends Pindarus higher up the hill to watch and report on Titinius's progress.



Ends right where it started

Cassius notes to himself His Birthday is a good day to die, his life having come full circle.

Cassius is resigned to his fate, but he still fights on. Pindarus reports on Titinius play by play. A horde of horsemen has surrounded Titinius. Now they've overtaken him. And now they're shouting with joy. It looks like the worst has happened. Cassius calls for Pindarus to stop watching. He laments that he's such a coward to have sent his best friend Titinius to his death. Pindarus returns to Cassius's side, and Cassius speaks to him.

Pindarus = Cassius' servant

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Cassius reminds Pindarus how he took him prisoner at Parthia and spared his life on the condition that he do whatever Cassius asked him to. Cassius then tells Pindarus how to make himself a free man: he should kill him with the very blade he used to kill Caesar.

Kill me and make yourself free

Pindarus stabs Cassius, who dies declaring that Caesar is avenged by the same sword that killed him.

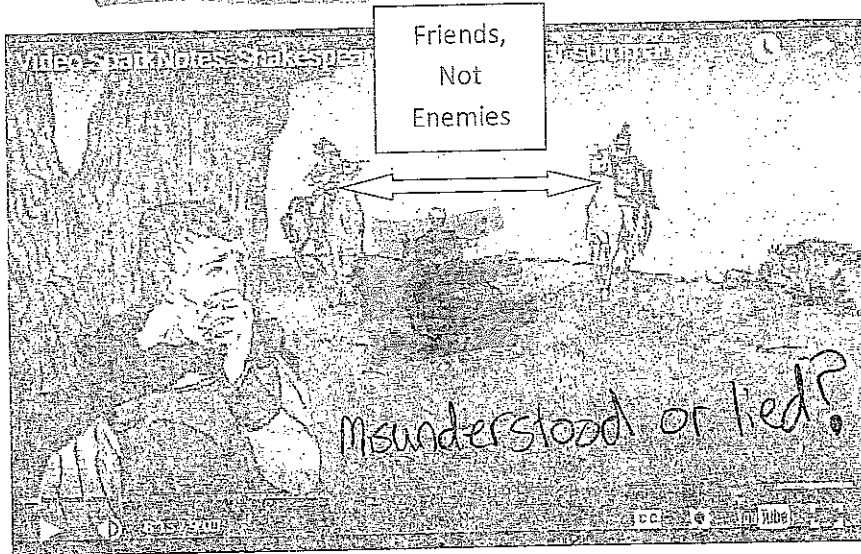
Pindarus, now hovering around Cassius's body, claims that this wasn't the way he wanted to gain his freedom, and that if he had his own will (and hadn't been Cassius's servant), he wouldn't have done it.

He declares that he'll run far away so no Roman will ever see or enslave him again.

Reminds us of Romeo & Juliet

Messala then enters the scene with Titinius (who – surprise! – is not dead), announcing the new state of the battle: they're basically even on both sides. Brutus has overtaken Octavius's forces, while Antony's forces have beaten Cassius's men.

The men are stoked to tell Cassius that all isn't lost, but then they see his dead body, which is in no condition to accept good news. Titinius realizes that Cassius must have misunderstood what had happened on the hilltop. Messala is more Action Jackson than super-sleuth; he goes off unhappily to inform Brutus of Cassius's death. Meanwhile, Titinius is left to find Pindarus. *Little joke*
= Ran away



It doesn't matter where Pindarus is, and Titinius doesn't even look for him. Instead, Titinius explains what actually happened in the scene that Cassius killed himself over. Titinius was indeed overtaken, but by friends of Brutus on horseback. The shouts Pindarus heard were shouts of joy for Cassius's side. They overtook Titinius to put a wreath of victory on his head, which Brutus then wanted the rider to give to Cassius. *Pindarus did misunderstand*

Titinius still has the doomed crown, which, in a dramatic moment, he places on dead Cassius's head. Titinius then cries, "By your leave, gods! – this is a Roman's part," and proceeds to stab himself with Cassius's sword. Titinius dies beside his friend. Messala and Brutus arrive just in time to find that Titinius has played Ultimate Mourning and killed himself.

two deaths so far

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Brutus cries out, "Julius Caesar, thou art mighty yet!" (He might be suggesting that the ghost is out convincing people to kill themselves, or he might be talking about his effect on the conspirators' consciences.) Brutus laments that two of Rome's bravest men should lie here this way.

Brutus gathers his remaining friends for the last fight.

Scene 4

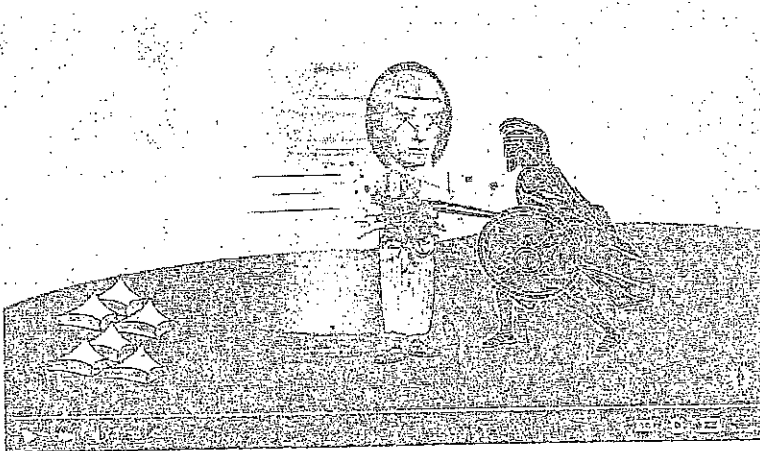
Everyone goes out onto the battlefield in a blaze of glory. Young Cato runs around shouting his own name as a challenge to anyone who stands for tyranny and against the Roman Republic. Lucilius is running around pretending to be Brutus.

Some enemy soldiers unceremoniously kill another one down Young Cato. They're ready to kill Lucilius too, but he says he's Brutus, and they should be honored to kill him. The soldiers take him prisoner and are excited to show taking the wrong guy off their catch to Antony. (They really believe he's Brutus.) The captive Lucilius tells Antony that no one will ever take Brutus alive. Lucilius promises that when Antony finds Brutus, whether alive or dead, he'll still be Brutus, with the same noble character and unchanged by these events.

Antony tells his overeager soldiers that this guy isn't Brutus, but he's no less worth capturing. Antony orders the soldiers to keep Lucilius safe and to be kind to him, as he'd rather have such men for friends than enemies. Antony then sends some folks off to find out whether Brutus is alive or dead. He goes to Octavius's tent to hear news of how things are going.

Scene 5: Elsewhere in the field, Brutus stops and asks his remaining friends to rest on a rock. He calls Clitus, Dardanius and Volumnius over and asks all three (separately) to kill him. They all say NO and Brutus tells Volumnius that Caesar's ghost has appeared to him twice, once at night and once again in the fields of Philippi. Brutus knows his hour has come and he would rather leap into the pit than loiter around and wait for his enemies to push him in. what would he rather do? think back to yesterday!

Brutus speaks to his men valiantly. Brutus tells everyone to flee and promises to follow after everyone else has left. The only man left with Brutus now is Strato, who's slept through all the speeches and sadness. Strato has woken up just in time to be asked to hold Brutus's sword while he runs into it. Strato thinks this is a good idea and asks only to shake hands with Brutus before doing the deed. Die honorab!



Impales himself on his sword.

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Brutus' final words assure that what he does now is twice as pure as what he did to Caesar, who is avenged by this act: "Caesar, now be still, I kill'd not thee with half so good a will." He is dead

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Antony, Octavius, and their armies, along with the captive Lucilius and Messala, now approach the site of Brutus's death. Messala asks Strato where their master is, and Strato says that



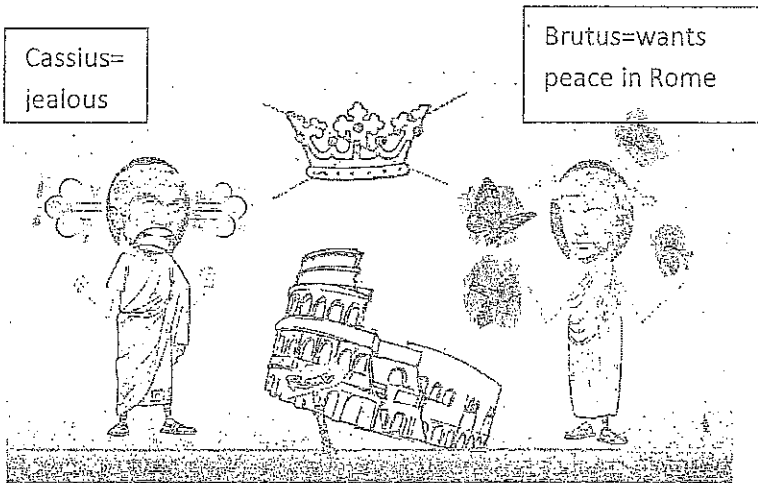
Brutus is free.

Only Brutus overcame Brutus, Strato says, and Brutus himself is the only one who gained honor in his death. There's a bit of a conference, and Octavius will entertain all the men who nobly served Brutus.

Brutus's enemies are a lot friendlier to him now that he's dead. Antony declares Brutus the "Noblest Roman" of them all, as he alone among the conspirators

~~killed Caesar not out of envy but out of concern and care for the public good.~~

Remember that he was tricked: He loved Caesar, but he loved his country more



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Octavius says Brutus will be buried as an honorable soldier, and his body will stay in Octavius's tent for the night. After that, they agree it's time to celebrate and share "the glories of this happy day."



The conspirators are dead!

Foreshadowing and the end

Cassius talking about suicide = He dies (suicide)

Crows, Ravens, & Kites = Bad happened in battle

Caesar's Ghost = Something bad @ Phillipi

Brutus & Cassius Saying Goodbye = they die