

# IRON AND RUST:

## LIST OF CHARACTERS

The list is organized alphabetically within geographic regions. To avoid giving away any of the plot characters usually are only described as first encountered in *Iron and Rust*.

### THE NORTH

**Ababa:** *A druid woman patronised by the imperial court.*

**Agrippina:** *Wife of the general Germanicus, she died in AD33.*

**Alcimus Felicianus:** *Gaius Attius Alcimus Felicianus, an equestrian official with a long record of civilian posts, including administering the inheritance tax; a friend of Timesitheus.*

**Alexander Severus:** *Born AD208, Roman emperor from AD222.*

**Ammonius:** *An equestrian officer commanding a unit of Cataphracts.*

**Antigonus:** *Domitius Antigonus, a Senator, governor of Moesia Inferior.*

**Anullinus:** *An equestrian officer commanding a unit of Armenians.*

**Apollonius:** *Of Tyana, wandering Pythagorean philosopher and performer of miracles, whose life spanned almost the whole of the first century AD; according to the Historia Augusta, the private chapels of the emperor Alexander Severus contained statues of Abraham, Apollonius of Tyana, Jesus and Orpheus.*

**Arrian of Nicomedia:** *Greek historian and philosopher, and Roman Consul*

- and general, c. AD85/90-145/6.*
- Aspines of Gadara:** *Valerius Aspines, Greek rhetorician from Syria, c. AD190-250..*
- Augustus:** *First emperor of Rome, 31BC-AD14; known as Octavian before he came to power.*
- Autronius Justus:** *A Senator, governor of Pannonia Inferior.*
- Axius:** *Quintus Axius Aelianus, an equestrian, Procurator of Germania Inferior, an associate of Timesitheus.*
- Barbia Orbiana:** *Gnaea Seia Herennia Sallustia Barbia Orbiana, second wife of the emperor Alexander Severus from AD225, divorced and banished in AD227.*
- Caracalla:** *Marcus Aurelius Antoninus, known as Caracalla, Roman emperor AD198-217.*
- Catilius Severus:** *Lucius Catilius Severus; member of the Senatorial inner council of sixteen advising the emperor Alexander Severus; wears his hair long, and considered effeminate by Timesitheus.*
- Catius Clemens:** *Gaius Catius Clemens, commander of Legio VIII Augusta in Germania Superior; brother of Catius Priscillianus and Catius Celer.*
- Catius Priscillianus:** *Sextus Catius Clementius Priscillianus, Governor of Germania Superior; elder brother of Catius Clemens and Catius Celer.*
- Claudius Venacus:** *Marcus Claudius Venacus, ex-Consul, member of the Senatorial inner council of sixteen advising the emperor Alexander Severus.*
- Clodius Pompeianus:** *Ex-Quaestor, and thus a junior Senator, descendant of the emperor Marcus Aurelius and thus a distant relative of Iunia Fadilla.*
- Cornelianus:** *Marcus Attius Cornelianus, Praetorian Prefect under the emperor Alexander Severus from c. AD230.*
- Decius:** *Gaius Messius Quintus Decius, from a senatorial family owning wide estates near the Danube, an early patron of the career of Maximinus, now governor of the province of Hispania Tarraconensis.*
- Domitius:** *An equestrian, Prefect of the Camp under the emperor Alexander Severus; enemy of Timesitheus.*
- Eadwine:** *Chief and warlord in the service of Isangrim, King of the Angles.*
- Elagabalus:** *Nickname given to the notoriously perverted Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius Antonius (AD218-22) who served as a priest of Elagabalus,*

- patron god of his ancestral town, Emesa in Syria.*
- Faltonius Nicomachus:** *Maecius Faltonius Nicomachus, Governor of Noricum.*
- Felicianus:** *Senior Praetorian Prefect under Alexander Severus.*
- Flavia Latroniana:** *Daughter of the ex-Consul Flavius Iulius Latronianus.*
- Flavius Vopiscus:** *A Roman Senator from Syracuse in Sicily; fond of literature, especially biography, and much given to superstition.*
- Florianus:** *Marcus Annius Florianus, equestrian commander of an irregular unit of British infantry, half-brother of Marcus Claudius Tacitus.*
- Fortunata:** *Slave-girl owned by Caecilia Paulina.*
- Froda:** *A prince of the Angles, eldest son of King Isangrim.*
- Germanicus:** *Nephew and heir of the emperor Tiberius, won his name from his father's campaigns in Germany; he died in suspicious circumstances in AD19.*
- Gessius Marcianus:** *An equestrian from Syria, the deceased second husband of Mamaea, and father of the emperor Alexander Severus.*
- Granianus:** *Iulius Granianus, rhetorical tutor to the emperor Alexander Severus.*
- Honoratus:** *Lucius Flavius Honoratus Lucilianus, a novus homo in the Roman Senate, an ex-Praetor, Legate of the 11<sup>th</sup> legion and commander of all detachments from Moesia Inferior serving with the imperial field army; a man of ridiculous good looks, others often comment on his perfect teeth.*
- Iotapianus:** *M. Fulvius Rufus Iotapianus, equestrian commander of the Cohort of Emesenes, and himself from Emesa.*
- Isangrim:** *The King of the Angles in the far north (modern Denmark).*
- Javolenus:** *A legionary in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Legion Parthica.*
- Julius Capitolinus:** *An equestrian officer commanding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Legion Parthica; making notes he intends to turn into biographies.*
- Julius Licinianus:** *Quintus Julius Licinianus, a Senator, governor of Dacia.*
- Licinius Valerian:** *See Valerian (Africa).*
- Lorenus:** *Tiberius Lorenus Celsus, governor of Raetia.*
- Lucius Marius Perpetuus:** *Consul Ordinarius in AD237, son of a past governor of Moesia Superior, father of Perpetua, the friend of Iunia Fadilla.*
- Macedo:** *Macedo Macedonius, equestrian commander of an auxiliary unit of Osrhoenes, friend of Timesitheus.*

- Mamaea:** *Julia Avita Mamaea, mother of the emperor Alexander Severus.*
- Marcus Nummius Tuscus:** *An ex-Quaestor, and thus a junior Senator; the grandson of M. Nummius Umbrius Primus Senecio Albinus, Consul Ordinarius in AD206, the latter having been the brother of Nummius, Iunia Fadilla's late husband.*
- Marius:** *Roman statesman and general, 157-86BC; a novus homo who rose from humble origins to be Consul seven times.*
- Maximinus Thrax:** *Gaius Iulius Verus Maximinus, known as Maximinus Thrax (the Thracian), equestrian officer training the new recruits with the imperial field army.*
- Maximus:** *Gaius Iulius Verus Maximus, son of Maximinus and Caecilia Paulina.*
- Memmia Sulpicia:** *Daughter of the Senator Sulpicius Macrinus, first wife of the emperor Alexander Severus, divorced and living in banishment in Africa.*
- Micca:** *Bodyguard of Maximinus from the days when both were young.*
- Mokimos:** *A Centurion in the Cohort of Osrhoene archers.*
- Nero:** *Roman emperor AD54-68.*
- Ostorius:** *Governor of Cilicia.*
- Paulina:** *Caecilia Paulina, wife of the emperor Maximinus.*
- Petronius Magnus:** *Gaius Petronius Magnus, member of the Senatorial inner council of sixteen advising the emperor Alexander Severus.*
- Plautianus:** *Gaius Fulvius Plautianus, Praetorian Prefect under the emperor Septimius Severus and accused of plotting against him by Caracalla; murdered AD205.*
- Plutarch:** *A prolific Greek writer of philosophy, biography, and history, c. AD45-125.*
- Pomponius Julianus:** *A Senator, governor of Syria Phoenice.*
- Pontius Proculus Pontianus:** *Consul Ordinarius in AD238; son of Tiberius Pontius Pontianus, sometime governor of Pannonia Inferior.*
- Pythias:** *A slave-girl owned by Caecilia Paulina.*
- Quintus Valerius:** *Equestrian commander of the Numeri Brittonum, an irregular unit of British infantry.*
- Rutilus:** *Distant relative of Maximinus.*

- Sabinus Modestus:** *Cousin of Timesitheus, not judged over intelligent by the latter.*
- Sanctus:** *Ab Admissionibus (Master of Admissions) of the imperial household.*
- Saturninus Fidus:** *Titus Claudius Saturninus Fidus, a Senator; friend of the Gordiani.*
- Septimius Severus:** *Roman Emperor AD193-211.*
- Soaemis:** *Julia Soaemis (or Soaemias) Bassiana, sister of Mamaea, mother of the emperor Elagabalus and aunt of the emperor Alexander Severus; murdered AD222 with her son.*
- Sulla:** *Roman statesman, c. 138-78BC; resigned the Dictatorship in 81BC and soon after retired from public life, dying of natural causes shortly after finishing his memoirs.*
- Sulpicius Macrinus:** *The executed father of Memmia Sulpicia, divorced first wife of the emperor Alexander Severus.*
- Tacitus:** *Marcus Claudius Tacitus, governor of Raetia; half-brother of Marcus Annius Florianus.*
- Taurinus:** *Not Raurinus; unwillingly proclaimed emperor by the soldiers of Syria during the reign of Alexander Severus; trying to flee from his mutinous troops, he fell in the Euphrates and drowned.*
- Thrasylbulus:** *Astrologer on friendly terms with the emperor Alexander Severus.*
- Timesitheus:** *Gaius Furius Sabinius Aquila Timesitheus, senior equestrian official in charge of imperial finances in Belgica, Germania Superior and Germania Inferior; acting governor of Germania Superior; married to Tranquillina.*
- Titus Quartinus:** *A Senator, governor of Moesia Superior.*
- Tranquillina:** *Wife of Timesitheus.*
- Tynchanus:** *From the same village in Thrace as Maximinus, his personal attendant since early days.*
- Ulpian:** *Domitius Ulpianus, famous jurist, made Praetorian Prefect by Alexander Severus in AD222 but murdered by the Praetorians in AD223 for curtailing their privileges.*
- Varus:** *Quinctilius Varus, general who lost his life and three legions in an ambush in Germania (AD9).*

**Veturius:** *A Rationibus (Treasurer) of Alexander Severus.*

**Vitalianus:** *Publius Aelius Vitalianus, an equestrian official.*

**Volo:** *Marcus Aurelius Volo, commander of the frumentarii (the imperial spies).*

**Vulcatius Terentianus:** *Member of the Senatorial inner council of sixteen advising the emperor Alexander Severus*

**Xenophon:** *Athenian soldier and writer, c. 430-c. 350BC; though famed as a historian and biographer, also wrote a treatise on hunting with dogs.*

## ROME

**Acilius Aviola:** *Manius Acilius Aviola, patrician Senator; his family claimed descent from Aeneas, and thus the goddess Venus, they first rose to prominence under the emperor Augustus and an ancestor held the consulship in AD24; cousin of Acilius Glabrio.*

**Acilius Glabrio:** *Marcus Acilius Glabrio, cousin of Acilius Aviola; a young patrician, one of the Tresviri monetales; his father Manius Acilius Faustinus was Consul Ordinarius in AD210; cousin of Acilius Aviola.*

**Alcimus Felicianus:** *Gaius Attius Alcimus Felicianus, an equestrian official with a long record of official posts, including administering the inheritance tax; a friend of Timesitheus.*

**Antheros:** *An acquaintance of Fabianus.*

**Balbinus:** *Decimus Caelius Calvinus Balbinus, a patrician Senator, claims kinship with the deified emperors Trajan and Hadrian via the great Roman clan of the Coelli; Consul Ordinarius with the emperor Caracalla in AD213; among his many political friends are Acilius Aviola, Caesonius Rufinianus, and the brothers Valerius Messala and Valerius Priscillianus.*

**Caenis:** *A prostitute living in the Subura at Rome.*

**Caesonius Rufinianus:** *Lucius Caesonius Lucillus Macer Rufinianus, a patrician Senator; Suffect Consul c. AD225-30; a friend of Balbinus.*

**Castricius:** *Gaius Aurelius Castricius, a young man of uncertain origins living a disreputable life in the Subura.*

**Catius Celer:** *Lucius Catius Celer, A Senator, Praetor in AD235; younger brother of Catius Priscillianus and Catius Clemens; a friend of Timesitheus.*

**Cato the Censor:** *Marcus Porcius Cato, also known as Cato the Elder*

- (234–149BC), stern moralist of the Republic.
- Cincinnatus:** Roman statesman of the early Republic (519-430BC); later became an exemplum for twice leaving his small farm to lead Rome's armies in a military crisis and to prevent a coup.
- Claudius:** Roman emperor AD41-54; deified after death.
- Claudius Aurelius:** Lucius Tiberius Claudius Aurelius Quintianus Pompeianus, descendant of the emperor Marcus Aurelius and thus a distant relative of Iunia Fadilla; Consul Ordinarius in AD235.
- Claudius Severus:** Gnaeus Claudius Severus, descendant of the emperor Marcus Aurelius and thus a distant relative of Iunia Fadilla; Consul Ordinarius in AD235.
- Commodus:** Roman emperor AD180-192.
- Cuspidius Celerinus:** The `Father of the Senate`, the most senior Senator in the Curia.
- Cuspidius Severus:** Cuspidius Flaminius Severus, a novus homo in the Senate, an ex-Consul, and friend of Pupienus.
- Domitian:** Roman emperor AD81-96, notorious for his tyrannical rule and paranoia.
- Eunomia:** Aged nurse of Iunia Fadilla.
- Fabianus:** Visitor to Rome from the countryside.
- Fortunatianus:** Curius Fortunatianus, secretary to Pupienus.
- Gaius:** Gaius Marius Perpetuus, one of the Tresviri Capitaes; son of Lucius Marius Perpetuus, and brother of Perpetua.
- Gallicanus:** Lucius Domitius Gallicanus Papinianus, a Senator of homespun and hirsute appearance, sometimes thought to resemble an ape, much influenced by the philosophy of Cynicism, his unusual views on the Res Publica appear to be shared by at least three other Senators: Maecenas, Hostilianus, and Licinianus. .
- Geta:** Co-emperor with Caracalla until murdered on his brother's orders in AD211.
- Gordian:** See Gordian the Younger (Africa).
- Hadrian:** Roman emperor AD117-138; deified after death.
- Herennius Modestinus:** Equestrian Prefect of the Vigiles at Rome; sometime pupil of Ulpian and legal secretary of Alexander Severus AD223-225.

**Hippolytus:** Acquaintance of Fabianus.

**Hostilianus:** Marcus Severus Hostilianus, Senator and ex-Quaestor; a friend of Gallicanus.

**Iunia Fadilla:** Great-granddaughter of the emperor Marcus Aurelius.

**Latronianus:** Marcus Flavius Iulius Latronianus, A Senator, had been Suffect Consul sometime before AD231.

**Lucius:** Lucius Iunius Fadillus, cousin of Iulia Fadilla.

**Macrinus the Moor:** Marcus Opellius Macrinus, Praetorianus Prefect, instigated the murder of the emperor Caracalla in AD217, and briefly held the throne.

**Maecenas:** Senator and intimate friend of Gallicanus.

**Maecia Faustina:** Sister of Gordian the Younger, daughter of Gordian the Elder; married to Junius Balbus, governor of Syria Coele, friend of Caecilia Paulina.

**Marcus Aurelius:** Marcus Aurelius Antoninus, emperor AD161-180.

**Marcus Julius Corvinus:** Equestrian landowner, and perhaps leader of bandits in the eastern Alps.

**Mummius Felix Cornelianus:** Lucius Mummius Felix Cornelianus, Consul Ordinarius in AD237.

**Nummius:** Marcus Nummius Umbrius Secundus Senecio Albinus, Suffect Consul in AD206, thereafter devoting himself to pleasure; husband of Iunia Fadilla, recently deceased.

**Otho:** Before becoming emperor (AD 69), was forced to divorce Poppaea so she could be married by Nero.

**Perpetua:** Daughter of Lucius Marius Perpetuus, wife of Serenianus, and friend of Iunia Fadilla.

**Pescennia Marcellina:** Elderly woman of wealth in Rome; benefactor of the young Pupienus, financing his early career and Praetorship.

**Pinarius:** Pinarius Valens, a kinsman who fostered the young Pupienus.

**Poppaea:** Wife of Otho before being forced to divorce her husband for the emperor Nero.

**Potens:** Quintus Herennius Potens, Prefect of the Parthian cavalry serving with the imperial field army, newly installed by Maximinus as Prefect of the Watch in Rome; brother-in-law of Decius.



**Pupienus:** *Marcus Clodius Pupienus Maximus, a novus homo of very obscure origins, brought up in the house of a kinsman, Pinarius Valens, in Tibur; now a patrician, appointed Consul for the second time, as Ordinarius, and Prefect of the City in AD234; husband of Sextia Cethegilla, and father of Pupienus Maximus and Pupienus Africanus. His many friends in politics include Crispinus, Cuspidius Severus, Serenianus, Sextius Cethegillus, and Tineius Sacerdos.*

**Pupienus Africanus:** *Marcus Pupienus Africanus, Senator; son of Pupienus, and brother of Pupienus Maximus.*

**Pupienus Maximus:** *Marcus Clodius Pupienus Maximus, Senator; son of Pupienus, and brother of Pupienus Africanus; married to Tineia.*

**Rutilius Crispinus:** *See Crispinus (Africa).*

**Sabinus:** *Sometime Consul, connoisseur of art; friend of Flavius Vopiscus.*

**Sextia Cethegilla:** *Wife of Pupienus.*

**Sextius Cethegillus:** *Senator, father of Sextia Cethegilla, and thus brother-in-law of Pupienus.*

**Theoclia:** *Sister of Alexander Severus, wife of Valerius Messala.*

**Tiberius:** *Notoriously depraved Roman emperor, AD14-37.*

**Ticida:** *A Latin love poet.*

**Tineia:** *Daughter of Tineius Sacerdos, married to Pupienus Maximus, son of Pupienus.*

**Tineius Sacerdos:** *Quintus Tineius Sacerdos, Consul Ordinarius with the emperor Elagabalus in AD219; father of Tineia, and thus father-in-law to Pupienus Maximus, and a friend of Pupienus.*

**Toxotius:** *Member of the board of junior magistrates the Tresviri Monetales; lover of Perpetua.*

**Trajan:** *Emperor AD98-117; deified after death.*

**Valens Licinianus:** *Julius Valens Licinianus, a Senator and ex-Quaestor; a friend of Gallicanus.*

**Valerius Apollinaris:** *See Valerius Apollinaris (the East).*

**Valerius Messala:** *Marcus Valerius Messala, a patrician senator, son of Valerius Apollinaris, brother of Valerius Priscillianus, married to Theoclia, wife of the emperor Alexander Severus.*

**Valerius Poplicola:** *Lucius Valerius Poplicola Balbinus Maximus, a young*

*patrician, son Valerius Priscillianus; one of the Tres Virimonetales.*

**Valerius Priscillianus:** *Lucius Valerius Claudius Acilius Priscillianus Maximus, patrician Senator, Consul Ordinarius in AD 233, son of Valerius Apollinaris, brother of Valerius Messala, father of Valerius Poplicola.*

## AFRICA

**Aemilius Severinus:** *Lucius Aemilius Severinus, also called Phillyrio; commander of the Speculatores.*

**Albinus:** *Clodius Albinus, declared emperor by the legions of Britain and Spain under Septimius Severus; killed in battle AD197.*

**Annius Severus:** *Father of Orestilla, late wife of the elder Gordian.*

**Apellinus:** *Claudius Apellinus, governor of Britannia Inferior; an inscription recording his restoration of an artillery installation survives from High Rochester, Northumberland.*

**Arrian:** *Legate of Gordian the Elder in Africa; especial friend of Sabinianus.*

**Aspasius of Ravenna:** *Orator and secretary to Alexander Severus; the biography written by his near contemporary, Philostratus, survives.*

**Brennus:** *Bodyguard of the elder Gordian; his name suggests he is a Gaul.*

**Canartha:** *Berber chief based at the village of Esuba.*

**Capelianus:** *Governor of Numidia; enemy of Gordian the Elder.*

**Chione:** *A mistress of the younger Gordian.*

**Egnatius Proculus:** *Gaius Luxilius Sabinus Egnatius Proculus; Senator, removed from the governorship of Achaea and given administrative posts in Italy; relative by marriage of Valerian.*

**Faraxen:** *Berber Centurion commanding a unit of the Speculatores.*

**Gordian the Elder:** *Marcus Antonius Gordianus Sempronianus, aged ex-Consul; after a lengthy, if interrupted career, now governor of Africa Proconsularis; father of Gordian the Younger, and Maecia Faustina.*

**Gordian the Younger:** *Marcus Antonius Gordianus Sempronianus, ex-Consul serving as a Legate of his father in Africa; devotee of Epicurean philosophy; sometime lover of Iunia Fadilla.*

**Herodes:** *Lucius Vibullius Hipparchus Tiberius Claudius Atticus Herodes (known as Herodes Atticus), wealthy Senator of Athenian ancestry and*

- patron of Greek culture (AD101-177).
- Julius Terentius:** *Commander of the garrison at Arete, killed by the Sassanids; his epitaph and a painted portrait survive from Dura-Europus.*
- Lycaenion:** *Carthaginian mistress of Menophilus.*
- Lydus:** *Commander of the Second Flavian Cohort of Africans.*
- Mauricius:** *A wealthy landowner and town councillor at Thysdrus and Hadrumetum in Africa Proconsularis.*
- Menophilus:** *Tullius Menophilus, Quaestor of the province of Africa Proconsularis.*
- Mirzi:** *Eldest son of Nuffuzi, tribal chief of the Cinithii.*
- Nicagoras of Athens:** *Athenian rhetorician and subject of a biography by Philostratus, c. AD175-250.*
- Nuffuzi:** *Tribal chief of the Cinithii.*
- Orestilla:** *Fabia Orestilla, late wife of the elder Gordian and mother of Gordian the Younger.*
- Parthenope:** *A mistress of the younger Gordian.*
- Paul:** *Known as The Chain, rapacious Procurator of Africa Proconsularis.*
- Philostratus:** *Greek orator and biographer of the sophists (c. 170-250AD); in the early third century, introduced at the court of Septimius Severus at Rome.*
- Polycrates:** *Greek tyrant c. 540-522BC; Gordian is actually thinking of the tyrant Thrasybulus (c. 440-388BC), who, on being asked how to secure a tyranny, walked through a field of corn chopping down the tallest stalks: i.e., eliminate the most outstanding.*
- Quintillius Marcellus:** *Member of the Senatorial inner council of sixteen advising the emperor Alexander Severus.*
- Sabinianus:** *Legate of Gordian the Elder in Africa Proconsularis; especial friend of Arrian.*
- Serenus Sammonicus:** *See note in Historical Afterword.*
- Valens:** *A Cubiculo of the elder Gordian.*
- Valerian:** *Publius Licinius Valerianus, married into the family of the Egnatii; legate of the elder Gordian in Africa Proconsularis.*
- Verres:** *Notoriously corrupt governor of Sicily prosecuted by Cicero in 70BC.*
- Verittus:** *Centurian of the Third Augustan Legion.*

## THE EAST

**Ardashir:** *The First, founder of the Sassanid empire, ruled AD224-242.*

**Armenius Peregrinus:** *Tiberius Pollienus Armenius Peregrinus, adoptive son of Pollienus Auspex Minor.*

**Bion of Borysthenes:** *A Cynic philosopher, c. 345-245BC.*

**Cassius Dio:** *Senator from Bithynia, Consul Ordinarius in AD229 under Alexander Severus; author of a history of Rome in Greek from the legendary origins of the city down to his own consulship.*

**Chosroes:** *Prince of Armenia, son of King Tiridates II; serving with the Roman army in the east as a hostage for the good behaviour of his father.*

**Crispinus:** *Rutilius Pudens Crispinus, equestrian army officer risen into the Senate, governor of Syria Phoenice; friend of Pupienus.*

**Domitius Pompeianus:** *Dux ripae, commander of the Euphrates frontier stationed at Arete; according to a graffito at Dura-Europus, raised a Greek tragic actor as a fosterling.*

**Flavius Heraclio:** *Governor of Mesopotamia murdered by his own troops c. AD229.*

**Gaius Cervonius Pappus:** *Legate of the Twelfth Thunder-bearing Legion.*

**Garshasp:** *A Sassanid warrior.*

**Julius Julianus:** *Prefect of the First Parthian Legion.*

**Junius Balbus:** *Governor of Syria Coele, husband of Maecia Faustina, and thus brother-in-law of Gordian the Younger.*

**Lucretius:** *Lucius Lucretius Annianus, equestrian governor of Egypt.*

**Ma'na:** *Son of Sanatruq II, prince of the Hatrene royal family; serving with the Roman army.*

**Manu:** *Son of Abgar VIII, titular Crown Prince of Edessa, although wealthy, left without real power after Caracalla incorporated the kingdom into the Roman empire in the early third century AD.*

**Otacilius Severianus:** *Marcus Otacilius Severianus, Senator, governor of Syria Palestina; brother-in-law of Priscus and Philip.*

**Paris:** *Mythical Trojan prince in Homer's Iliad; notably unheroic.*

**Philip:** *Marcus Julius Philippus, brother of Gaius Julius Priscus; born in Roman Syria and serving as a Legate to his brother on the Parthian frontier.*

**Pollienus Auspex Minor:** Adoptive father of Armenius Peregrinus, patron of Timistheus; Suffect Consul and holder of various governorships under Alexander Severus.

**Porcius Aelianus:** Equestrian Prefect of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Legion Parthica.

**Priscus:** Gaius Julius Priscus, equestrian governor of Mesopotamia, brother of Marcus Julius Philip; born in Roman Syria.

**Rutilius Crispinus:** See Crispinus.

**Sabinia:** Furia Sabinia Tranquillina, daughter of Timesitheus and Tranquillina.

**Sanatruq:** Sanatruq II, ruler of the Roman client kingdom of Hatra c. 200-240/1AD.

**Sasan:** Founder of the Sassanid dynasty.

**Serenianus:** Licinius Serenianus, novus homo in Senate, governor of Cappadocia; a friend of Papien, and Priscus; married to Perpetua.

**Severianus:** See Otacilius Severianus (East)

**Sollemnius Pacatianus:** Claudius Sollemnius Pacatianus, governor of Arabia from AD223.

**Sporakes:** Bodyguard of Priscus, governor of Mesopotamia.

**Thersites:** Deeply unheroic Greek character in Homer's Iliad.

**Tiridates:** The Second king of Armenia from AD217; as a member of the Arsacid dynasty overthrown by the Sassanids, lays claim to the Parthian empire.

**Titus:** Roman emperor AD79-81.

**Valerius Apollinaris:** Lucius Valerius Messala Apollinaris, a Senator from one of the great patrician families, father of Valerius Messala and Valerius Priscillianus; Consul Ordinarius in AD214, following which he spent some years in retirement after his father was executed by the emperor Caracalla, has since returned to politics, and he is now governor of Asia

**Wa'el:** Noble from Hatra commanding a unit of horsemen in the service of Rome.