

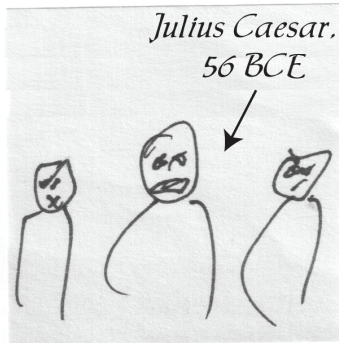
Storyboard for Caesar animation

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Supposed to be funny, so please add any funny bits you think of. Caesar is pompous but stupid, certain but unprepared. Change the view often (full scene, closeup on one character's head then another's, half-body, zooming in and out, etc.) at least every 10 seconds to keep it lively. OK to sketch in crowd of soldiers if that's not too hard; if it is, never mind.

[Handwritten with arrow:
"Julius Caesar, 56 BCE" in
cartoonish style]. Remove at
first scene change.

Caesar addressing troops. 1
Aide on each side of him.



[2-3 seconds of fanfare or
Roman military music]

Caesar

[to troops]

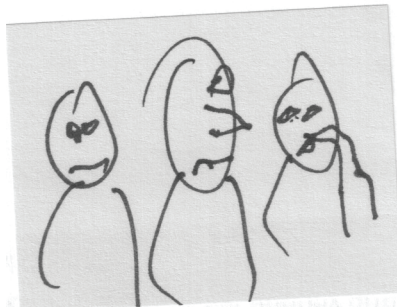
Legions of Rome! Tomorrow we
invade France!

Left Aide

[confidentially]

Gaul.

Left Aide tilts his head
toward Caesar and cups
his mouth with his hand
to speak confidentially.
Displeased, Caesar
looks at Left Aide.



Caesar

What?

Left Aide

[confidentially]

We call it Gaul.

Caesar turns to Right Aide
and points at Left Aide



Caesar

[to Right Aide]

Off with his head.

Hands pull Left Aide
away. Caesar resumes
addressing troops. Left
Aide is gone.



[clears throat]

Tomorrow we invade France!

Right Aide, looking
apprehensive, cups hand
beside mouth to speak to
Caesar confidentially

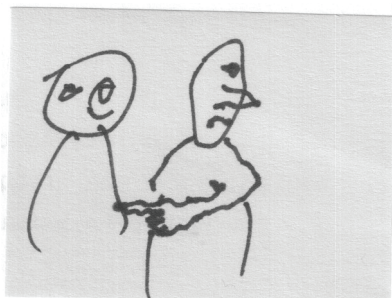


Right Aide

[confidentially]

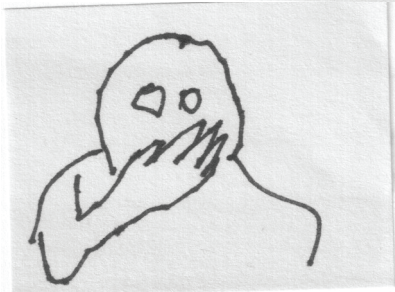
We don't speak French.

Caesar points at Right Aide, looks left, but no one is there



Caesar
Off with his –

Caesar puts his hand over his mouth, thinking



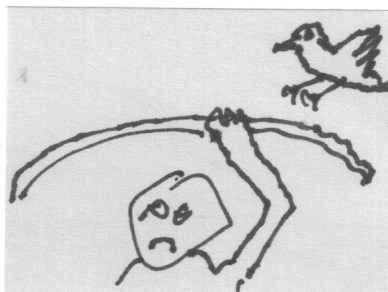
Hmmm. Touché.

Caesar has an idea. Holding his spear aloft, he addresses the troops again



[to troops]
Which champions among you will learn to speak some French by noon tomorrow? Raise your spears!

Caesar's spear droops. A bird lands on it. Caesar looks perplexed. He is too stupid to know he is asking for the impossible.



[awkward pause, birds chirp]

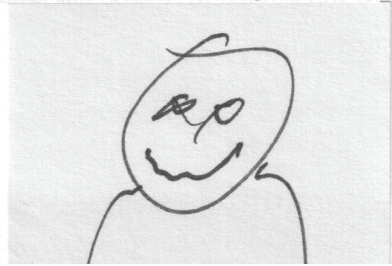
Don't be shy.
[looks left]

As Caesar lowers his spear all the way down, bird hops over onto top of Right Aide's helmet. Caesar looks disappointed. As video continues, bird blinks now and then



[awkward pause, birds chirp]

Pleading, insincerely reassuring

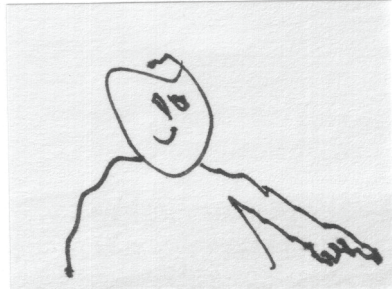


Really? You would have until tomorrow.

[looks right]

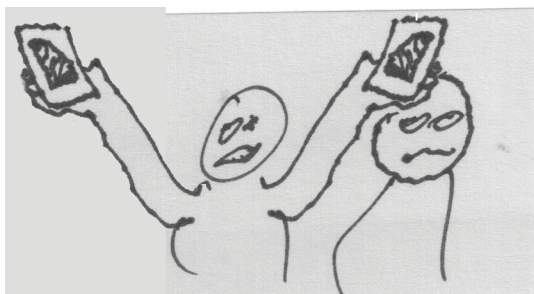
[awkward pause, crickets]

Caesar points at unseen soldier in the crowd



[sighs]
Give that man an extra ration of bread.

Right Aide pulls book from shirt pocket, holds cell phone and book aloft to show troops as he addresses them. Book and phone are about the same size. Caesar lets Aide upstage him.



Right Aide

[to troops]

Everyone else will be issued "Just-in-Time French Phrasebook." Mobile app or printed book.

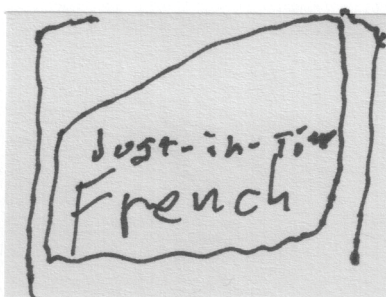
You'll get by just fine.

SECOND VERSION

Please make a second version of just this scene that omits the printed book and shows only the cell phone. That version will also omit the line "Mobile app or printed book." I will make the switch in editing the video.



As soon as Aide's arm(s) are up, Zoom in on logo on the phone screen. We hear him speak while looking at logo on phone.



Caesar tilts thumb at Right Aide as reluctant acknowledgment

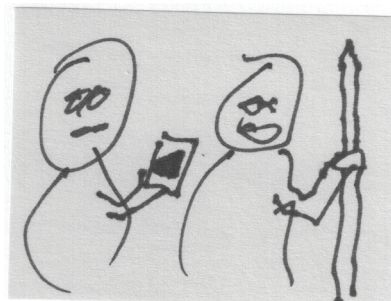


[to troops]

What he said.

[2-3 seconds of military music, then]

Right Aide holds cell phone and Caesar holds spear as together they chant marching orders like drill sergeants
1-2-3-4, 1-2-3-4
Their arms emphasize "Just" and "Time".

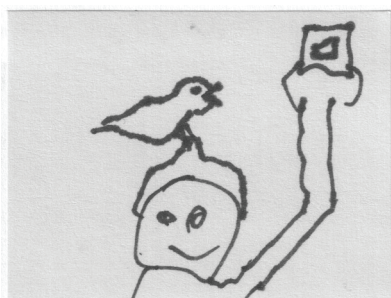


Caesar, Right Aide, & (unseen) troops

[chanting, with emphasis on "Just" and "Time"; plus sound of soldiers marching]

Just-in-Time French!
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Zoom or cut to closeup of Right Aide's head with bird still on top of helmet. Bird speaks.



For travelers with no time to learn any French

www.Just-in-TimeFrench.com

As bird speaks, fade to logo and URL

