Caesar De Bello Gallico

Book 1, Ch. 19-21

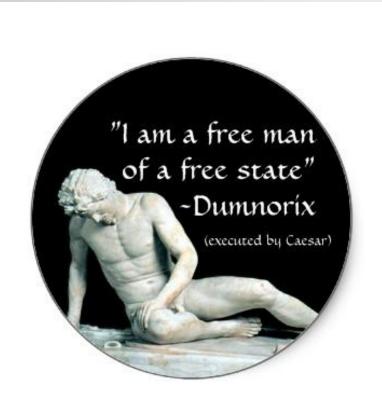
Ch. 19 Caesar Summons Diviciacus, The Brother of Dumnorix.

Helveti



pass through

Sequani
Territory (picture : D)



Dumnorix was an important figure to the Helveti, he led them through the Sequani territory.

Arranged that hostages should be mutually exchanged.

He went forward with his plans without orders from Caesar nor the Aedui knowing.

Because he was Diviciacus's bro Caesar had second thoughts about punishing Dumnorix, more like he was afraid to do so; didn't want to hurt the feelings of Diviciacus, since they were friends.

Caesar really wanted to punish Dumnorix and tried to be as smooth as possible with Diviciacus, so he won't get his feelings hurt.

Caesar tried to convince him that out of all the bad things his brother has done this has passed the line and should realize that he NEEDS to be punished; was going to pass the judgment.

Ch. 20 Diviciacus Cried, Caesar Relents, and Dumnorix Receives a Scolding

Diviciacus LOVES his brother, implores Caesar not do any severe sentence.

While Dumnorix has now used his 'power' to diminish his brother's reputation and almost ruining him.

Now the fingers are pointed to Diviciacus.

Caesar to Dumnorix: said what the state had complained about him and what he (Caesar) thought, to avoid all grounds of suspicion, and pardoned the past for Diviciacus' sake.

This was all done in front of his friend but behind his back Caesar decided to send spies to figure out what exactly Dumnorix was up to.

Ch. 21 Caesar Pursues The Helvetii -- At Night.



Both Caesar and his enemy were camped along the mountains a couple of miles away.

Titus Labienus-> Caesar's lieutenant with praetorian(acting like a Roman magistrate) powers.

Publius Considius-> very experienced in military affairs, had been in army of Sulla, and afterwards in that of Marcus Crassus.

Both of these men were sent out with scouts to find the enemies. Soon enough Caesar will reveal his plans.