

# Welcome SmoothieKiwi!

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Thanks! At least in the book, it's described as following:

## Quote

„Three days later, they met at Pompey's villa for a last attempt at peace: Pompey; Caesar's tribunes; Cicero, struggling to play mediator; Lentulus, the fierce optimas consul; and Cato. In greener months, they could have looked out at gardens among the most beautiful in Rome, but little grew here in January. For two years, the men around Pompey's table had thrown threats and bluffs at one another. For as long as they could remember, the Republic that gave a shape to their ambitions and a meaning to their lives had been a fragile, faltering thing, the object of all their protective suspicions. Now, they looked across the table through a thick cloud of pride and suspicions and hates, to see if they might save the Republic without war. Caesar, the tribunes opened, had authorized them to offer the following: He would give up the bulk of Gaul. He would give up all legions but two. He would retain immunity through the end of the year and would be consul during the year following. Pompey and the optimates conferred. No: They would not trust Caesar with any troops. Cicero, whose many gifts were not for war, offered a final compromise: one province, out of the way. One legion. Was this acceptable to the tribunes? It was. Was it acceptable to Pompey? A long and heavy pause. Yes. Possibly. “You're being a fool!” shouted Cato. “You're being deceived again!”