

Coriolanus

Marius is contemptuous of the Roman rabble, but when the neighbouring Volscians wage war on Rome, he singlehandedly takes Corioli, for which he is named Coriolanus. Welcomed back to Rome and offered a consulship, he alienates the people, and is banished. He goes to the Volscian capital, Antium and offers his services to Aufidius, the Volscian general. Despite Coriolanus' arrogance, Aufidius gives him half the army. They reach the gates of Rome, where Coriolanus's old friends and mother persuade him to negotiate for peace. On his return to the Volscians, Aufidius accuses him of betrayal, and he is stabbed to death.