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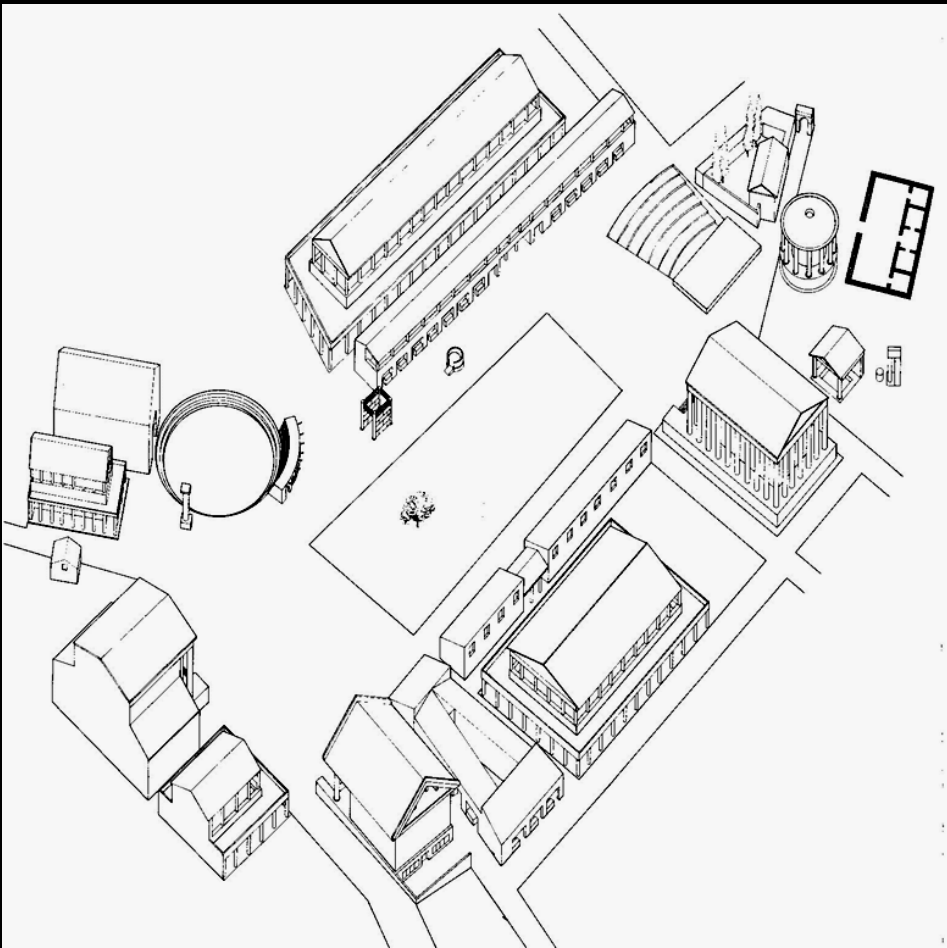


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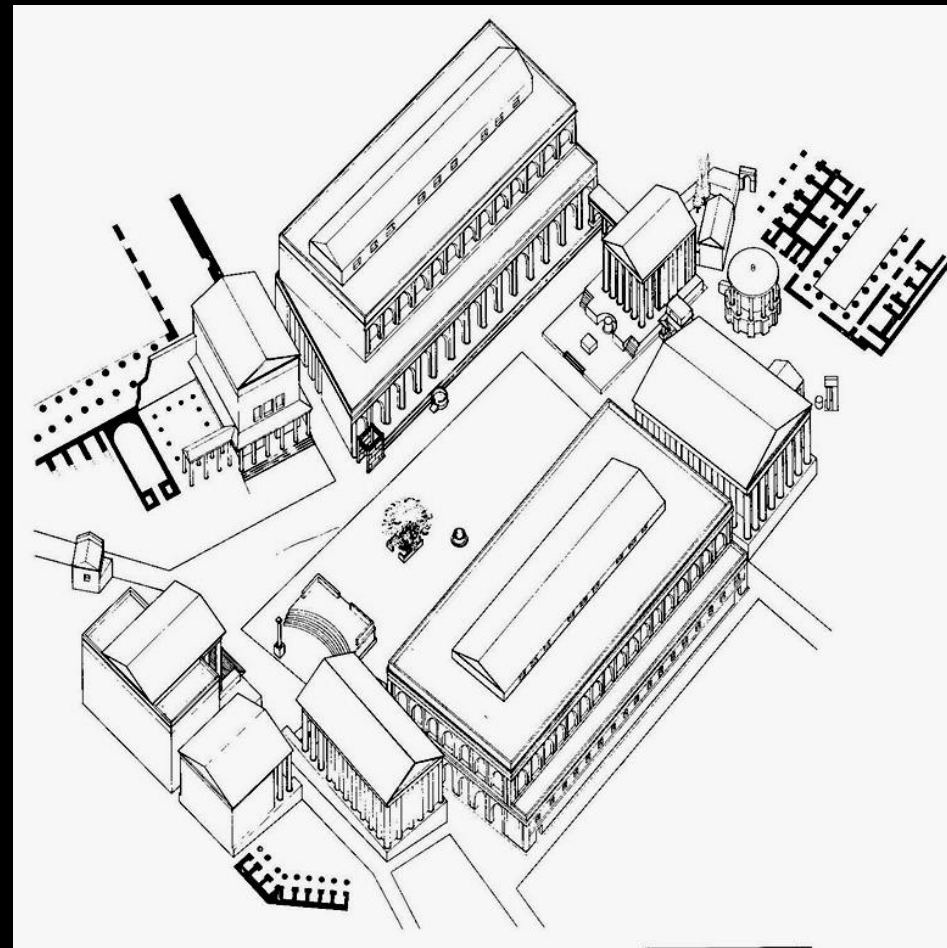
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- 49: Dictator I (to oversee elections)
- 47: Consul II  
Dictator II for a year after Pharsalus
- 46: Consul III  
Dictator III annually renewed for 10 yrs.
- 45: Consul IV – sole consul – resigned in Fall  
Dictator IV
- 44: Consul V  
Dictator in perpetuity

# Caesar's transformation of the Roman Forum



2<sup>nd</sup> c. BC



1<sup>st</sup> c. AD

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# Cicero, *Letter to Atticus* 4.16.8

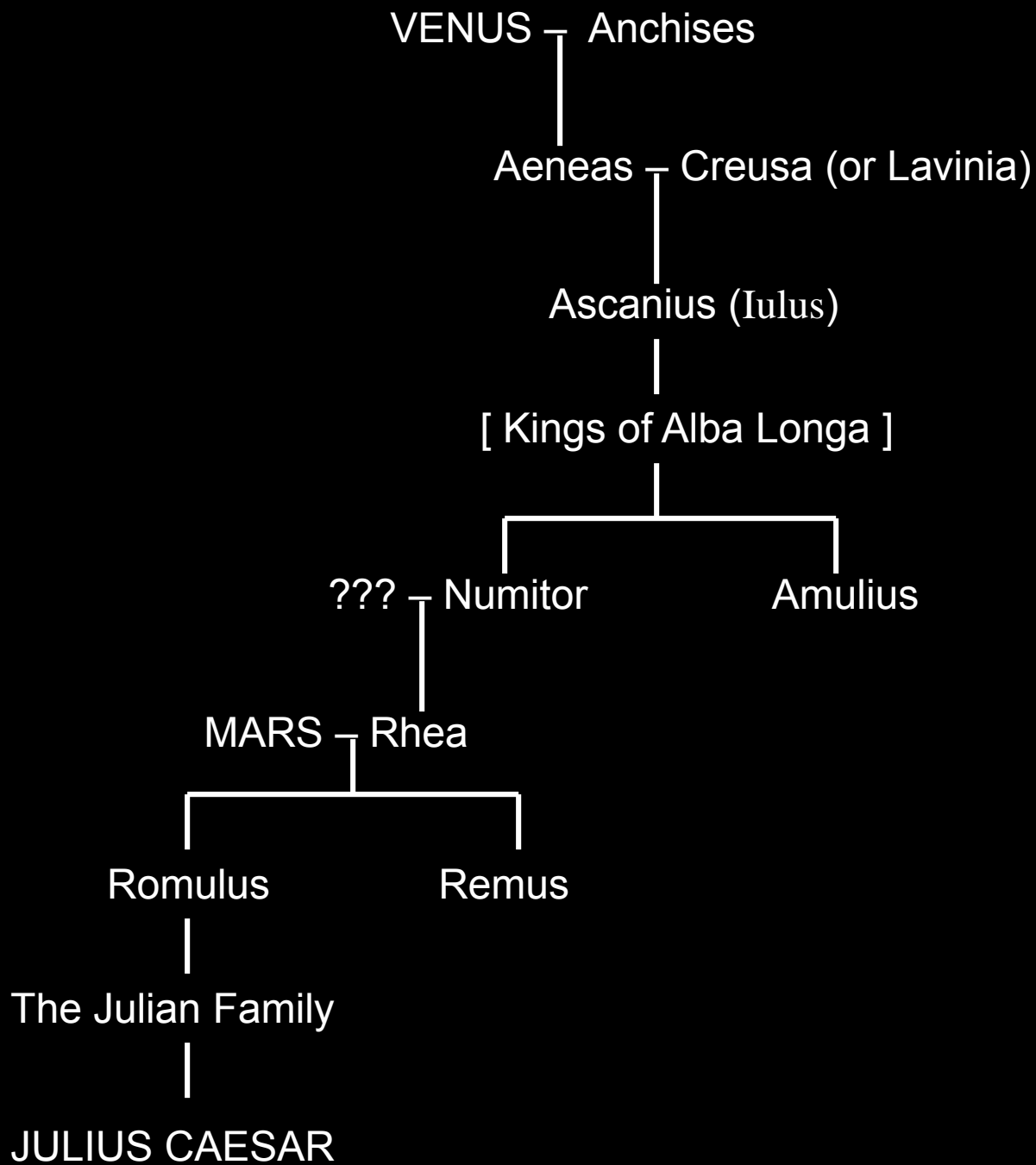
We 'friends of Caesar' ... have spent without any qualms sixty million sesterces towards that monumental work you used to praise so highly – the expansion of the over-crowded Forum, and its extension all the way to the Atrium of Liberty. The private owners of the land would not have sold for a lesser sum.

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# Forum of Julius Caesar 54-29 BC



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# Suetonius, *Julius* 78

- ‘But it was the following action in particular that roused deadly hatred against him. When the Senate approached him in a body with many highly honorary decrees, he received them before the temple of Venus Genetrix without rising.’

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