

# Our Little Carthaginian Cousin of Long Ago: Yesterday's Classics, Our Little...

## THE YOUNG GARTHAGINIAN

The war about to break out between Rome and Carthage - at the beginning of our story - is called the Second Punic War. It should rather be called the War of Hannibal with Rome. Hannibal conceived it and carried it out from his own resources. Without interference and almost without any assistance from Carthage.

Throughout the war, Carthage's ships lay idle in her harbor. Even in Hannibal's greatest need Carthage never opened a gully for his assistance. The pay of his army came solely from his own coffers; the materials for the war from the arsenals constructed by his family. It was a war waged by a single man against a mighty power.

It lasted from 218 to 201 B.C.

The leading Carthaginian General, Hannibal, sent a request across the Mediterranean from Spain to Carthage.

He asks for reinforcements for the spring campaign in Spain.

In these troubled times, at Carthage, we cannot spare many troops.

Finally, it was agreed that 5,000 troops would be sent, including those from Carthage's North African allies and mercenaries. Among these troops was a young Carthaginian, Mithras, who was a nephew of Hannibal's.

There goes Hamilcar, brother of Hannibal, who will lead the troops. The young pup with him is Mithras, his son.

Hamilcar was making it clear to his son that he would receive little favored treatment beyond that granted in general to the upper class.

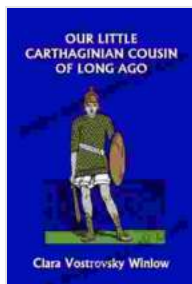
You will sail with the Carthaginian squadron. It will be composed of the sons of some of the best families in Carthage.

The day of embarkation came. A great crowd gathered.

It is a wonder that any troops are being sent to Hannibal at all.

In the ancient world, Carthage was a powerful maritime empire that rivaled the Roman Republic for control of the Mediterranean Sea. The

Carthaginians were a skilled and resourceful people, and their culture was a vibrant mix of Phoenician, Greek, and Roman influences.



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One of the most fascinating aspects of Carthaginian culture was its treatment of children. In many ancient societies, children were seen as little more than property, but the Carthaginians placed a high value on their offspring. Children were loved and cherished, and they were given a good education.

We can learn a lot about the lives of Carthaginian children by reading the works of ancient writers. One of the most informative sources is a book called "Our Little Carthaginian Cousin of Long Ago" by Bessie R. Park. This book tells the story of a young Carthaginian boy named Hanno.

### **Hanno's Early Life**

Hanno was born in the city of Carthage in the year 241 BC. His father was a wealthy merchant, and his mother was a noblewoman. Hanno had a

happy childhood. He lived in a large house with his parents, his siblings, and his extended family. He had plenty of toys to play with, and he was well-educated.

Hanno's education began at the age of six. He learned to read and write in both Phoenician and Greek. He also studied mathematics, history, and geography. Hanno was a bright and eager student, and he excelled in his studies.

### **Hanno's Family Life**

Hanno's family was very important to him. He loved his parents and his siblings, and he was always respectful of his elders. Hanno's father was a strict disciplinarian, but he was also a loving and supportive parent.

Hanno's mother was a gentle and caring woman who always put her children's needs first.

Hanno had a close relationship with his siblings. He had two older brothers and one younger sister. Hanno's brothers were his best friends, and they loved to play games and go on adventures together. Hanno's sister was his little princess, and he was always protective of her.

### **Hanno's Daily Life**

Hanno's daily life was filled with a variety of activities. He would wake up early in the morning and go to school. After school, he would come home and help his mother with the housework. Hanno also had time to play with his friends and go on adventures.

Hanno's favorite game was to play soldiers. He and his friends would pretend to be Carthaginian warriors, and they would fight imaginary battles.

Hanno was always the leader of the group, and he was always victorious.

Hanno also loved to go on adventures. He and his friends would explore the countryside around Carthage. They would climb trees, swim in the rivers, and play games. Hanno was always curious about the world around him, and he loved to learn new things.

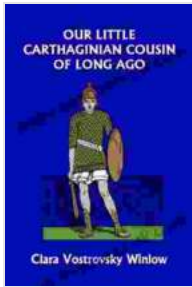
## **Hanno's Future**

Hanno's future was bright. He was a smart and talented young man, and he had a strong family to support him. Hanno had big dreams for his future. He wanted to become a great warrior and to serve his country. He also wanted to travel the world and see all that it had to offer.

Hanno's future was cut short by the outbreak of the Second Punic War. In 218 BC, Hannibal, the great Carthaginian general, invaded Italy with a massive army. Hanno's father joined Hannibal's army, and Hanno was left behind to care for his mother and sisters.

Hanno never saw his father again. Hannibal was defeated by the Romans in 202 BC, and Carthage was destroyed. Hanno and his family were forced to flee their home. They traveled to Egypt, where they lived in exile for the rest of their lives.

Hanno's story is a tragic one, but it also sheds light on the lives of Carthaginian children. The Carthaginians were a civilized and cultured people who loved and cherished their children. Hanno's life was cut short by war, but he was a bright and talented young man who had a promising future.



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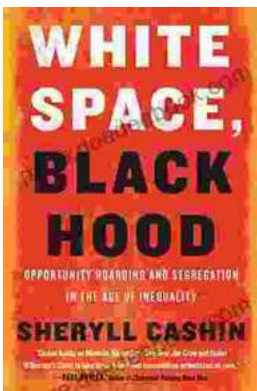
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