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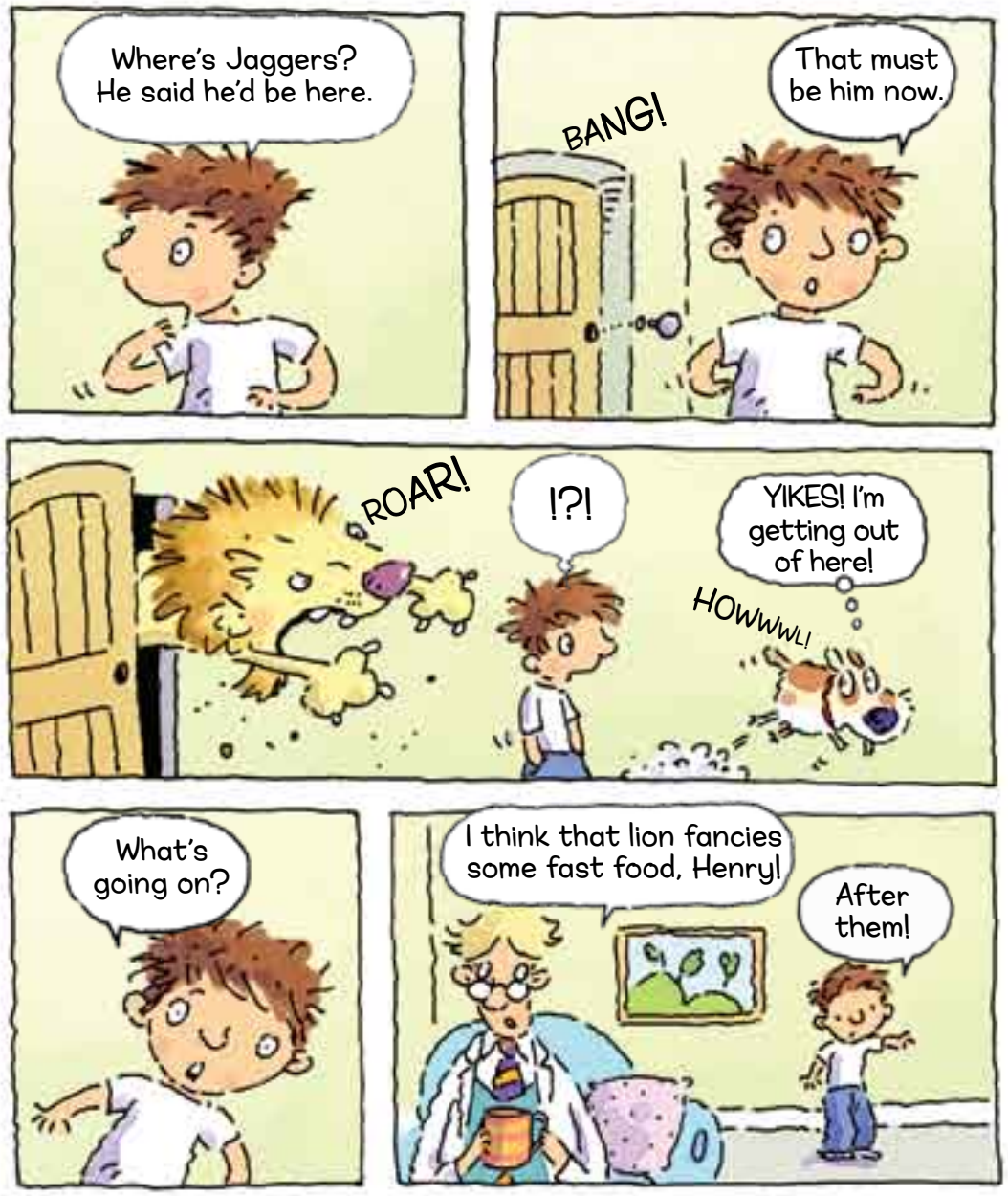
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Gladiators!



Big amphitheatres held up to 50,000 spectators.

Romans came here to watch gladiators fight.

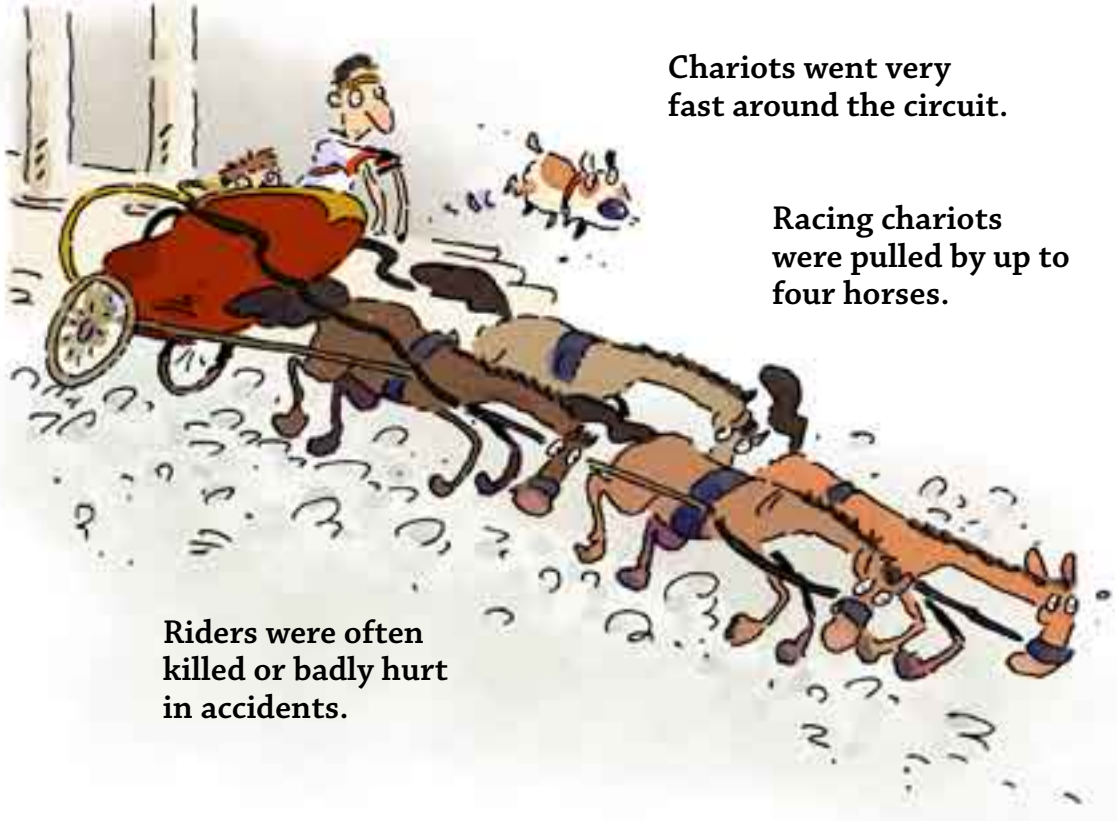


Gladiators were usually slaves or prisoners.

The race is on







Chariots went very fast around the circuit.

Racing chariots were pulled by up to four horses.

Riders were often killed or badly hurt in accidents.

Follow me!

Didn't Romans worship in temples too?

Wait f-f-or me!

Roman temples were copies of ancient Greek ones.

Temples were full of treasure. Rich Romans could keep their gold there – like a bank. It was looked after by priests and priestesses.



A huge statue of the god or goddess was inside the temple.

Romans picked and chose which of the many gods and goddesses to pray to.

COLUMNS

MUSICIANS

The bull is going to be sacrificed: killed as a "present" to a god as part of a festival.

YIKES!!! Here we go again!

ZOOM!

ROAR!!!

Most ceremonies happened outside the temple.

COOL!