

MAX IN... THE COLOSSEUM



Welcome, dear readers, to the Colosseum built by the Romans, and seating over 50,000 people, it was their largest amphitheatre!

Spectacles on show were chariot racing, battle re-enactments, animal hunting...



YIKESI!

...and gladiatorial games! Mind the tail!



Armed slaves would battle to the death, sometimes earning fame and fortune!

CLANG!
EER!



Usually, slaves were lucky to survive more than 10 matches or live past the age of 30!

I'm off!



And if you were foolish enough to upset the Romans, you were thrown to the lions!

AARGH!

On a good day, they might even have given slaves a sword to fight back with!



And not only lions - wild animals from Africa and Asia, including elephants, rhinos, crocodiles and giraffes, were brought in to fight the gladiators and each other!

Tragically, over one million animals could have died in the Colosseum.

Roar!

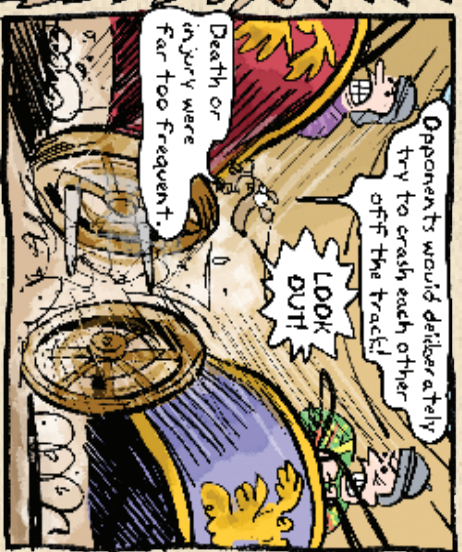
Roar!

EER!

Grr!



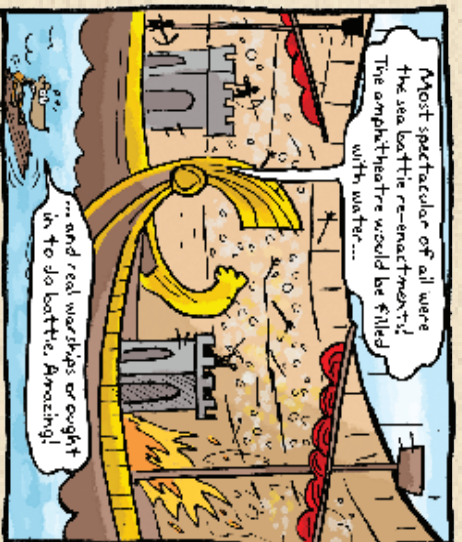
Rome's other popular spectator sport was chariot racing - crazy races in horse-drawn chariots. An idea taken from the Greeks.



Drivers would deliberately try to crash each other off the track!

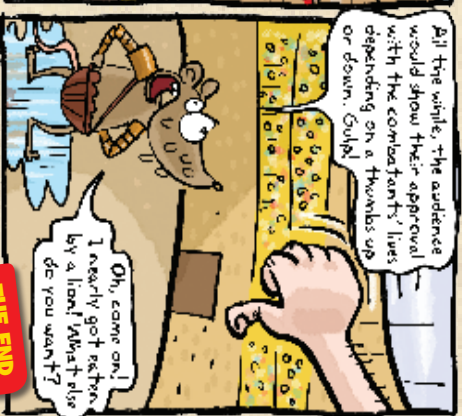
LOOK OUT!

Death or injury were far too frequent.



Most spectacular of all were the sea battle re-enactments! The amphitheatre would be filled with water...

...and real warships or ought in to do battles. Amazing!



Oh, come on! I nearly got eaten by a lion! What else do you want?

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