

# THE PUNIC WARS



LOOK AT THIS MAP.  
SEE THE ROUND STRUCTURE?  
WHAT COULD IT BE?



THIS IS EVIDENCE OF A CIVILIZATION  
WIPED OFF THE MAP. 2,500 YEARS  
AGO, THIS WAS CARTHAGE - THE  
GREATEST NAVAL POWER OF ITS TIME.

A MASSIVE PORT, HOME TO 200  
WARSHIPS AND CENTRE OF A HUGE  
EMPIRE.

YET, AGAINST ALL ODDS, IT WAS **DESTROYED**.



BY A PEOPLE WHO, INITIALLY, COULD  
BARELY BUILD BOATS AT ALL...





CARTHAGE FELL TO THE ROMANS IN THREE BRUTAL WARS. THE ONCE-MIGHTY CITY WAS BURNED TO THE GROUND, ITS PEOPLE SOLD INTO SLAVERY.



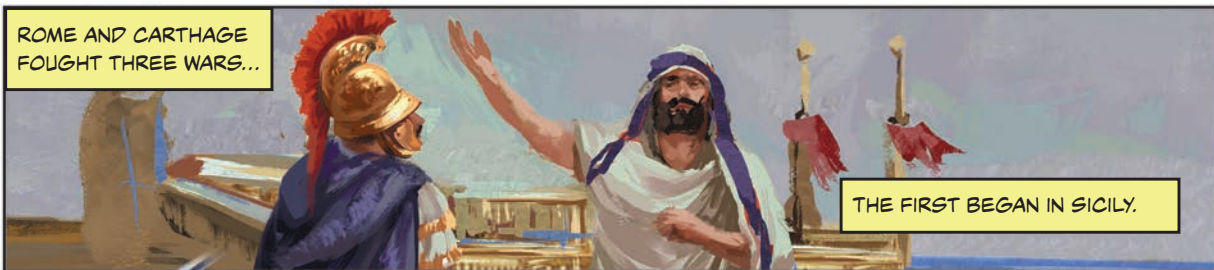
A SHOCKING FATE, ALMOST UNTHINKABLE TODAY.

HOW DID IT HAPPEN? HOW DID ROME, DEFEAT THE MIGHTY CARTHAGINIAN EMPIRE?



THIS IS THE STORY OF THE PUNIC WARS...

ROME AND CARTHAGE  
FOUGHT THREE WARS...



THE FIRST BEGAN IN SICILY.

ROME HAD THE  
ADVANTAGE ON LAND...



BUT CARTHAGE HAD THE  
ADVANTAGE AT SEA...



UNTIL THE ROMANS FOUND  
A CARTHAGINIAN SHIPWRECK.





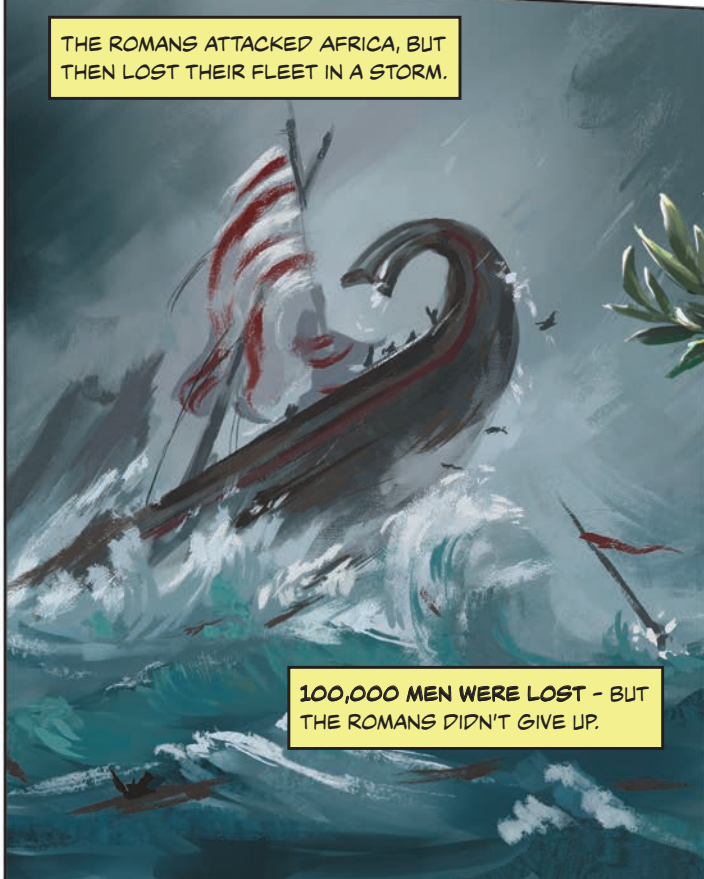
THEY COPIED THE DESIGN AND  
BUILT UP THEIR OWN FLEET...



AND ADDED A NEW INVENTION - THE  
*CORVUS*. THIS LET THE ROMANS TURN  
A SEA BATTLE INTO A LAND BATTLE!



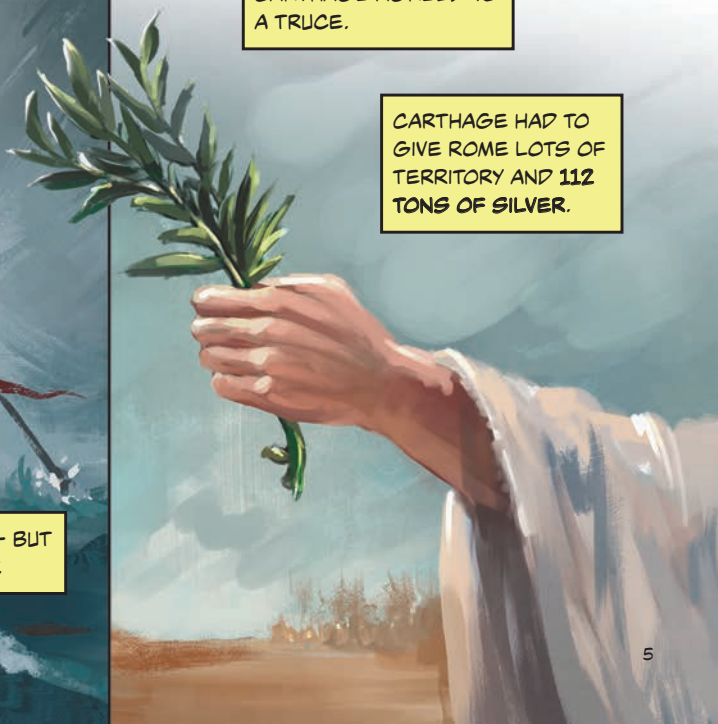
THE ROMANS ATTACKED AFRICA, BUT  
THEN LOST THEIR FLEET IN A STORM.



100,000 MEN WERE LOST - BUT  
THE ROMANS DIDN'T GIVE UP.

THEY FOUGHT ON UNTIL  
CARTHAGE AGREED TO  
A TRUCE.

CARTHAGE HAD TO  
GIVE ROME LOTS OF  
TERRITORY AND 112  
TONS OF SILVER.



BUT PEACE DIDN'T LAST.  
ANOTHER WAR.

THIS TIME HANNIBAL, THE  
GREATEST CARTHAGINIAN  
GENERAL, DECIDED TO  
ATTACK ROME ITSELF!

HE MARCHED THROUGH GAUL AND IBERIA, RECRUIT-  
ING BARBARIAN ALLIES ALONG THE WAY...



HIS ARMY CROSSED THE SNOW-COVERED ALPS.  
ONLY A FEW OF THE FAMOUS CARTHAGINIAN WAR  
ELEPHANTS SURVIVED!



BUT HE MADE IT TO ITALY. IN BATTLE  
AFTER BATTLE, HANNIBAL DESTROYED  
THE ROMAN LEGIONS...



THE WAY TO ROME  
LAY OPEN...

BUT ROME ITSELF  
COULD NOT BE TAKEN.  
THE WAR CONTINUED.

AT CANNAE, HANNIBAL  
SLAUGHTERED  
80,000 ROMANS.



ARMIES STILL STUDY THIS BATTLE  
TODAY TO LEARN FROM HIS GENIUS.









AT ZAMA, SCIPIO  
DEFEATED HANNIBAL  
IN BATTLE. EVEN THE  
ELEPHANTS WERE  
NOT ENOUGH!


HANNIBAL FLED TO THE EAST,  
NEVER HEARD FROM AGAIN.




"LET US NOW RELIEVE THE  
ROMANS OF THEIR FEARS  
BY THE DEATH OF A FEEBLE  
OLD MAN."

SO, THE SECOND WAR ENDED WITH  
A TRUCE. AGAIN, IT WOULD NOT LAST...

THE ROMANS STILL SAW CARTHAGE AS A THREAT. SO THEY STARTED ANOTHER WAR, THIS TIME TO CRUSH THEIR ENEMY ONCE AND FOR ALL...



IN A 3 YEAR LONG SIEGE, THE ROMANS TOOK THE CITY OF CARTHAGE. IT WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED.



THE GROUND DECLARED CURSED, SO NOTHING COULD BE BUILT THERE AGAIN.



THE CITY WAS GONE.  
THE EMPIRE ERASED.  
BUT ITS STORY?  
THAT STILL REMAINS.



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