

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.



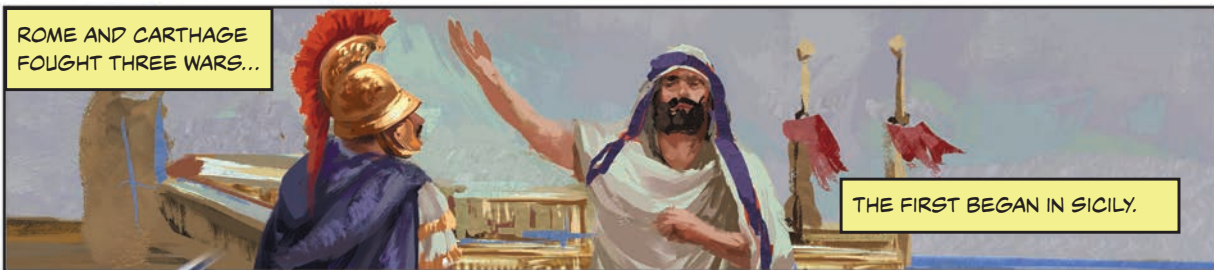
A SHOCKING FATE, ALMOST UNTHINKABLE TODAY.

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...



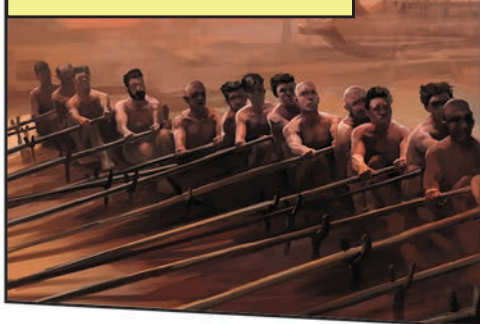
BUT CARTHAGE HAD THE
ADVANTAGE AT SEA...



UNTIL THE ROMANS FOUND
A CARTHAGINIAN SHIPWRECK.



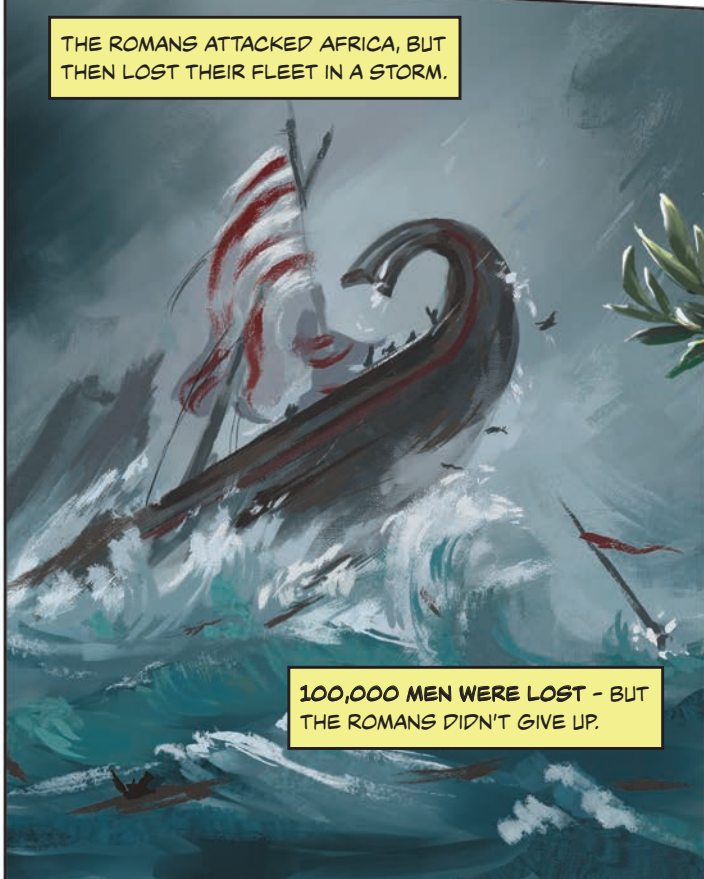
THEY COPIED THE DESIGN AND
BUILT UP THEIR OWN FLEET...



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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