

You'll find all these things about Roman Britain inside this comic

Look out! THE ROMANS are coming!!

YOU ARE
HERE

DANUM
Roman Doncaster
2000 years ago

cool stories
great activities
jokes
Iron Age Britons
Roman soldiers
girl minx
boy hero

(Now YOU count
the rest...)

tattoos
helmets
pigs
markets
shields
snobs
slaves
feasts
people being
sick
fires
robbers
cart drivers

GOOD LUCK!



Grrr.
Join the army.
See the world,
they said. First it's
hail, then it's snow,
then fog, now rain!

Yeah.
What's it
going to be like
when summer's
over?

LORIX THE BRAVE!

Sneak inside a Roman fort with Lorix the Brave.

Young Lorix lives near the River Don in the Iron Age. He is sent on a dangerous mission for his family...

Stop messing and get in here for breakfast

Lorix's family want to trade goods with the Roman invaders, so his father has worked out a plan...

Lora turns the quernstone slowly over the grains

My sister can make flour for me to trade

Pant! this is really hard work!

I want you to visit the Roman fort to see if they will deal with us

Finally...

Goodbye!

OOF!!

...and he goes on his way to the fort, glad to get out of the village work for a change.

Call that a ditch? I've seen deeper belly buttons!

Rather than me

Even the village animals give Lorix a good sendoff!

Yeah, right, and I'm the god of spades...



?!!

Must be Romans!

A legion of soldiers clanks past at the double

Lorix puts down his flour to march with the soldiers. But who's that hiding..?

LEFT, RIGHT, LEFT...

Ooh a present? For little old me?



HA, HA!

Thief!
I know, my sling...

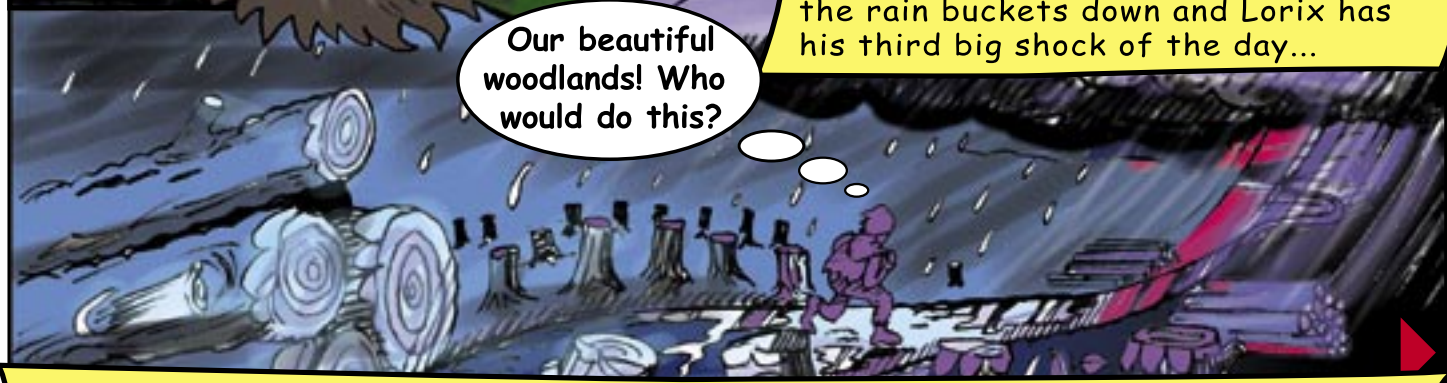


That'll show him

SPLUURFF!

Our beautiful woodlands! Who would do this?

A few miles later, dark clouds gather, the rain buckets down and Lorix has his third big shock of the day...



Cold, tired and miserable, Lorix trudges past miles of tree stumps and log stacks.

Whoa!
Want a lift
son?

I'm taking these
logs to the new fort at Rossington.
M'name's Morab

Cool! I've got to
trade flour with the
Romans...Dad said.

They'll never let
a nipper like you
in the fort

But Morab has a
cunning plan to
smuggle Lorix
inside.

Eeek!

Hold tight and
don't make
a sound

Lorix hides and watches the soldiers...

Wow!
Better not let
them see me

Gulp!

sharpening
swords...

forging
weapons...

polishing
armour...

having a
hair cut...

III

and one just
picking his
nose!

and
uh?...

looks like a
game - I'll
hide and
find out



One player throws sixes every time...

He wins every time

I've no money left

Using my trick dice is making me loads of money!

Just swap these dice...

...as the two loaded dice fall out of his sleeve

The soldiers grab the cheat's arm...

You're cheating!

The grateful soldiers give Lorix a fluffy reward for saving their hard-earned cash, something completely new to Britain: two rabbits!

Ha! You'll be digging toilets till we conquer Scotland!

Hey Lorix - want a lift back?

Grrr!%@*#

Lorix's luck is really in now...

Do you think I can breed more rabbits Morab?

In a couple of moons they'll have 20 babies. they breed like...well, rabbits!!

Llewellynius Bowenius to the rescue!

Loony Llewellynius, the famous Roman makeover genius is trying to get the Iron Age Brits of Doncaster to take a bath!

This is sooooo last century!!



The Brits may have soap...

but they don't have spa-baths.

The closest you get to a bathroom is this!

So, Llewellynius leads his curious Brits to a bath - Roman style!

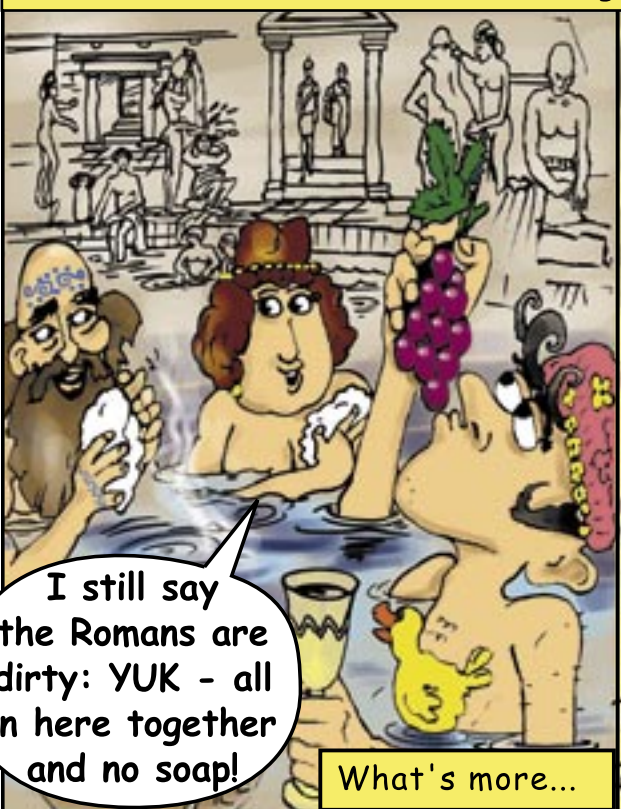


A baaaaaath? What's a bath? Sounds like sheep to me!



Follow me!

Then the Romans arrive, with strange foreign ways...



I still say the Romans are dirty: YUK - all in here together and no soap!

What's more...



Phew-Poopius has done it again!

Fuddle Fuddle
Bubble



More hot water!

Later, back at home...

MORE ROMANO-BRITISH FACTS AND FUN THIS WAY



Spot the differences in this road building scene

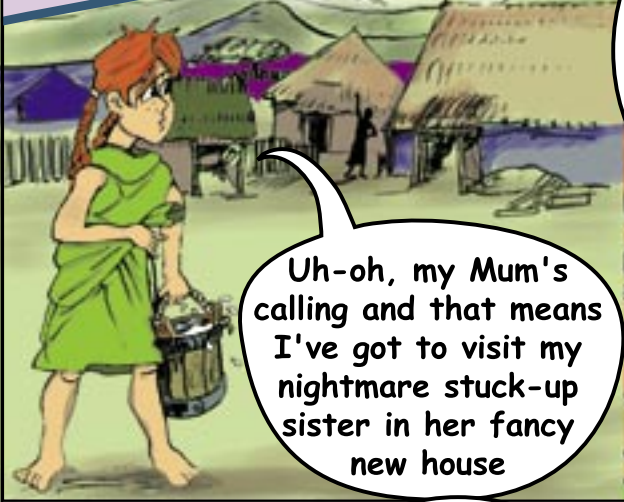


There are just 19 differences between the two drawings, we have given you one of them, can you spot all the rest?

Circle the differences on the drawing above

ESTRIL survives

...her snotty sister and the feast from hell!



Uh-oh, my Mum's calling and that means I've got to visit my nightmare stuck-up sister in her fancy new house



...she married a Roman soldier and thinks she's posh now

AD150 near Brodsworth. The Roman soldiers have been around Doncaster for 80 years and many Britons now copy their fashions and lives. Estril likes her new square house - but thinks her sister's makeover is going a bit far...

Estril, your hair!



But Mum - I wanna go to the feast here tonight

Now lets put on our best clothes and get going!



Tough Estril. We're eating with Agnes - a special Roman feast!



Estril's mother puts on her chief's wedding brooch...

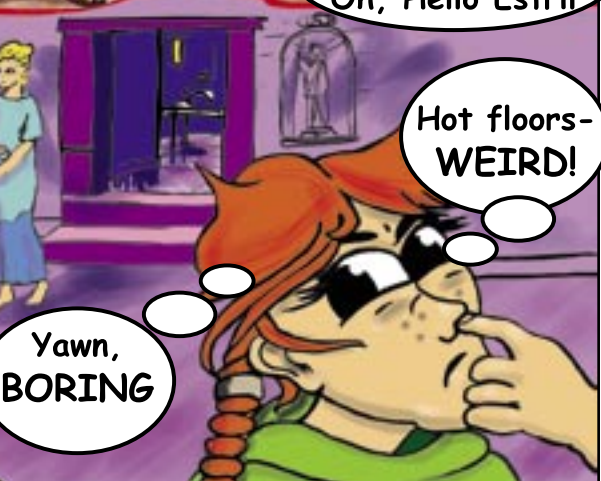
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Oohie! Mummy! Oh, Hello Estril

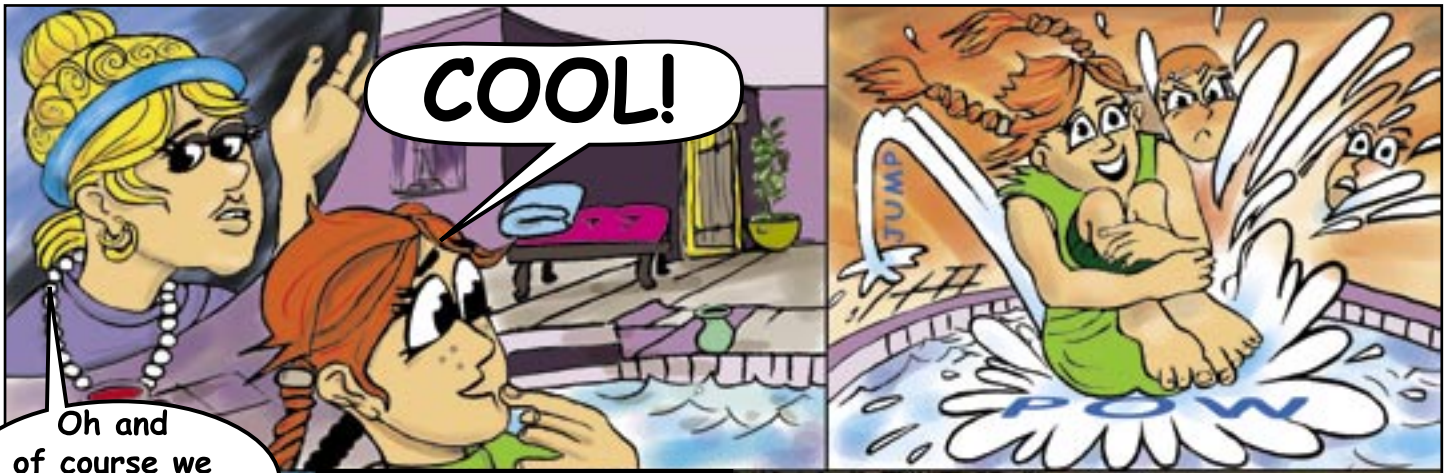


Loads of rooms, blah, blah, underfloor heating, blah, blah, huge kitchen, blah



Hot floors- WEIRD!

Yawn, BORING



COOL!

Oh and of course we have a heated bath

...and later at the feast



Aaargh speuww...

VOMITARIUM

Tut, tut



Peacocks' brains

Flamingos' tongues

Garum - rotted fish sauce yummee!

Lots to eat here folks!

Yuk!

We had better get back before it gets dark Agnes

Now he's been sick there's room for more tasty doormice



Good. Home time!

Finally, back in the village, Estril gets the feast she's really been waiting for!



Caesar moment for a bit of a laugh!

There's a barbarian at the door with a really ugly face

Tell him you've already got one

two-um plus two-um sir!

Now then young Titus, what's a forum?



Don't like carrots?
Blame the Romans. They brought the first carrots to Britain - they were purple!



Q Did Roman builders work at night?



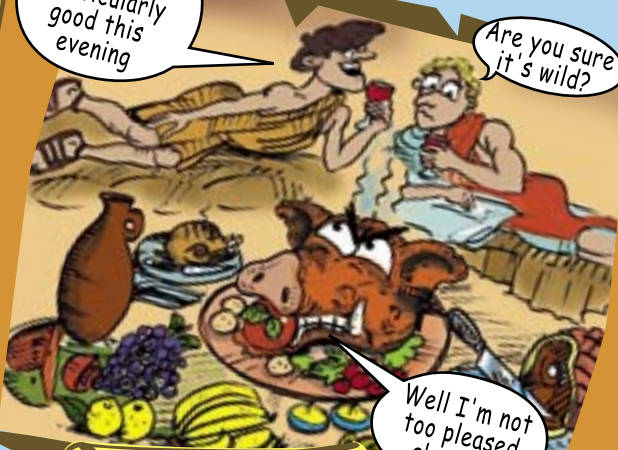
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Er, maybe... after all, Danum wasn't built in a day!

The wild boar tastes particularly good this evening

Are you sure it's wild?

Well I'm not too pleased about it!



What's the time?

Er, it's XX past VII !!!



Caligae -

Roman soldiers wore chunky leather hobnailed sandals. Sometimes the nails were arranged to look like enemy warriors. So you stamped on your enemy when you marched.



Did you know?

AGGREGATES ARE SAND, LIMESTONE AND GRAVEL USED FOR MAKING BUILDINGS AND ROADS.

Iron Age Britons were famous all over Europe for their intricate metalwork.

Stainton Brooch



Before the Romans came to Danum, there were no coins for money! People kept metal bars instead, or traded their goods.

Rossington Bridge was the edge of the Roman Empire in the 50s AD!

Did you know?

The Romans brought the first central heating to Britain. Hypocausts made hot air flow under the floors to heat up your house.





Remember! This is Danum (Doncaster) nearly 1900 years ago.

What's wrong with this market day in Roman Britain?

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The Romans round Danum weren't even Roman! Soldiers came from all over the Empire, including Hungary, Germany and Africa.

Roman around for a few more giggles

Did you know?

Quarries around Doncaster produce 6 million tonnes of aggregates every year.

A slave put his head into a lion's mouth to count how many teeth he had



So the lion closed his mouth to see how many heads the slave had!

You have a choice private, a month in here or 20 days pay?

Oh, I'll take the money sir!

Northern ruffian

Southern softy!

There were two big British tribes by the Don: the Brigantes north of the river and the Coritani to the south.

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I've got good news and bad news. the good news is, you are on double rations. the bad news is, I WANT TO WATER SKI

Warriors: flat hair? **FIGHTING MAN 2-in-1** bleach-and-spike will set your hair on end for any war. Show the bowl-head invaders how a real man fights.

What is at the end of everything?

The letter G

The Romans quarried aggregates to build roads.

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