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**SEE INSIDE FOR FUN
ROMAN FACTS AND
ACTIVITIES
TOO!**

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

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THE YEAR IS 50 BC. GAUL IS ENTIRELY OCCUPIED BY THE ROMANS. WELL, NOT ENTIRELY ... ONE SMALL VILLAGE OF STUBBORN GAULS STILL HOLDS OUT AGAINST THE INVADERS. ONE SMALL VILLAGE SURROUNDED BY THE FORTIFIED CAMPS OF TOTORUM, AQUARIUM, LAUDANUM AND COMPENDIUM. THIS IS WHERE OUR HERO, THE WARRIOR ASTERIX, LIVES.



ASTERIX

SHREWD AND CUNNING; ALL PERILOUS MISSIONS ARE IMMEDIATELY ENTRUSTED TO HIM



OBELIX

ASTERIX'S BEST FRIEND WITH SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH



DOGMATIX

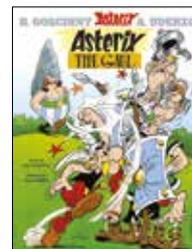
OBELIX'S CONSTANT COMPANION AND CANINE ECO-WARRIOR



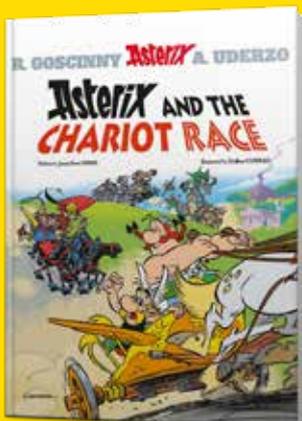
GETAFIX

THE VILLAGE DRUID AND BREWER OF THE MAGIC POTION!

BEGIN YOUR ASTERIX ADVENTURES WITH THE FIRST BOOK, ASTERIX THE GAUL



READ ON FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ROMAN WORLD AT THE TIME OF ASTERIX . . .



DON'T MISS THE LATEST ASTERIX ADVENTURE

ROME ANNOUNCES A SPECIAL ONE-OFF CHARIOT RACE ACROSS THE WHOLE OF ITALY AND JULIUS CAESAR ABSOLUTELY INSISTS A ROMAN MUST WIN! CHALLENGERS ARRIVE FROM FAR AND WIDE INCLUDING OUR HEROES, ASTERIX AND OBELIX, AND THE MYSTERIOUSLY MASKED ROMAN CHAMPION: CORONAVIRUS. THIS RUTHLESS COMPETITOR WILL STOP AT NOTHING TO STEAL THE LIMELIGHT. WHO WILL WIN THIS ALMIGHTY CHARIOT RACE?

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JULIUS CAESAR MAY BE FRUSTRATED BY ASTERIX AND OBELIX IN THEIR ADVENTURES AGAINST ROME, BUT IN REALITY HE LED A VERY INTERESTING LIFE.

DID YOU KNOW...

HE CHANGED THE CALENDAR FROM TEN TO TWELVE MONTHS AND MADE A YEAR 365 DAYS WITH AN EXTRA DAY EVERY FOURTH YEAR - WE STILL USE PARTS OF THE JULIAN CALENDAR TODAY

HE WAS BORN IN 100 BCE

WHEN HE WAS YOUNGER, HE WAS ONCE CAPTURED BY PIRATES

HE WAS VERY POPULAR BECAUSE OF HIS GREAT MILITARY VICTORIES - HE ACTUALLY BEAT THE REBELLIOUS GAULS IN FRANCE!

HE WAS A TREND SETTER - HE WORE A LONG SLEEVED TUNIC AND A LOOSE FITTED TOGA THAT AT THE TIME WAS CONSIDERED MORE FEMININE, UNTIL EVERYONE STARTED WEARING THEM!

HE WAS VERY GOOD AT MAKING SPEECHES - HE COULD MAKE PEOPLE LAUGH AND CHEER, AND PERSUADE THEM THAT HIS IDEAS WERE BEST



HE INVADED BRITAIN TWICE! HE LED THE FIRST EXPEDITION IN 55 BCE AND AGAIN A YEAR LATER IN 54 BCE

HE PASSED LAWS THAT MADE LIFE BETTER FOR ORDINARY PEOPLE, SUCH AS KEEPING THE STREETS CLEAN

IN 44 BCE HE WAS NAMED DICTATOR OF ROME, THEN ASSASSINATED ONE MONTH LATER BY THE SENATORS OF ROME ON THE 'IDES' OF MARCH - HE WAS ONLY 55 YEARS OLD

BCE AND BC MEAN THE SAME THING! BCE STANDS FOR BEFORE COMMON ERA AND BC STANDS FOR BEFORE CHRIST

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ASTERIX AND OBELIX MAY BE ABLE TO FIGHT THE ROMANS WITH EASE, THANKS TO GETAFIX'S MAGIC POTION, BUT DID YOU KNOW THAT IN REAL LIFE THESE SOLDIERS WERE ROME'S ELITE FIGHTING FORCE?

A SINGLE ROMAN SOLDIER IS CALLED A **LEGIONARY**.

TO BE A LEGIONARY YOU HAD TO BE:

A MAN

**AT LEAST
17 YEARS
OLD**

A ROMAN CITIZEN

**AND
VERY TOUGH**



THESE SOLDIERS WERE **SUPER FIT** -
THEY HAD TO BE ABLE TO:



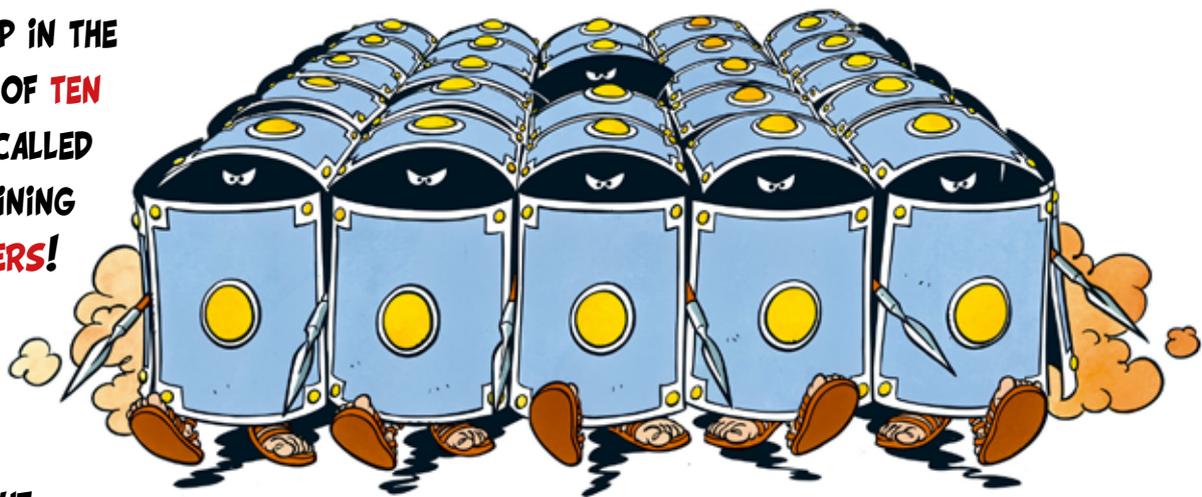
- **MARCH 30KM A DAY**
CARRYING ALL THEIR KIT
AND ARMOUR

- **SWIM ACROSS RIVERS** IN THIS KIT
- **BUILD ROADS AND FORTS** AFTER A DAY MARCHING
- **SMASH THEIR WAY** INTO AN ENEMY STRONGHOLD

A UNIT OF **80 LEGIONARIES** IS CALLED A **CENTURY**- EACH CENTURY WOULD TRAIN AND FIGHT TOGETHER AND WAS LED BY A **CENTURION**

A **COHORT** IS MADE UP OF **SIX CENTURIES** CONTAINING NEARLY **500 MEN**

THE LARGEST GROUP IN THE ARMY IS MADE UP OF **TEN COHORTS** AND IS CALLED A **LEGION**, CONTAINING **5,000 SOLDIERS!**



THERE WERE ABOUT **30 LEGIONS** IN THE ROMAN ARMY:
NEARLY **150,000 MEN** IN TOTAL

LEGIONARIES WOULD SOMETIMES FIGHT IN '**TESTUDO**' OR **TORTOISE FORMATION** - THE TESTUDO WAS SO STRONG A CHARIOT COULD BE DRIVEN OVER THE TOP OF IT!

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WORD SEARCH

FIND ALL **12** WORDS IN THE GRID BELOW:

ASTERIX
OBELIX
GETAFIX
DOGMATIX

ROMANS
CAESAR
GAUL
ROME

LEGIONARY
TESTUDO
CENTURY
COHORT

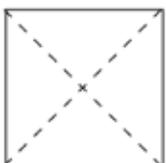
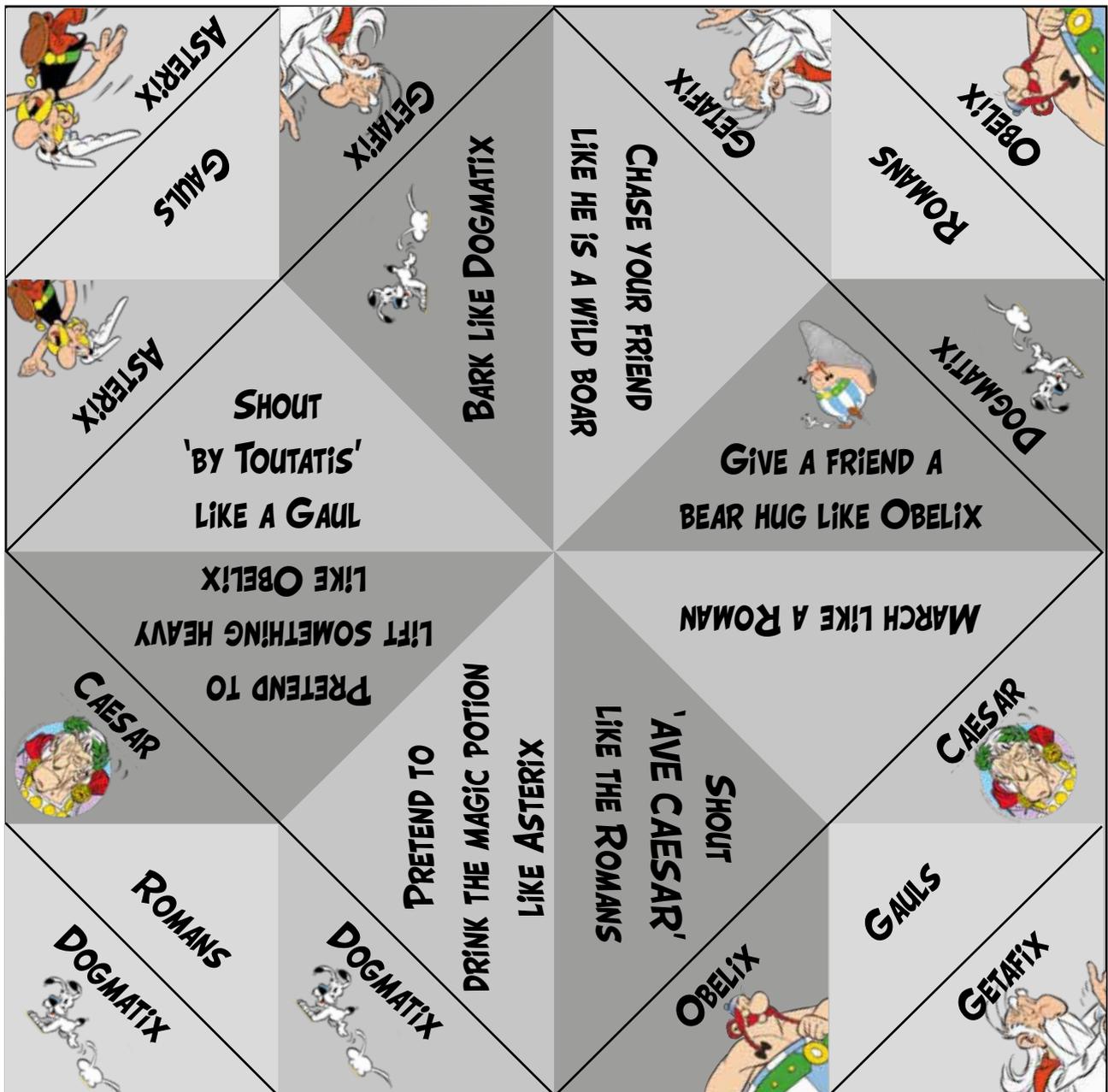
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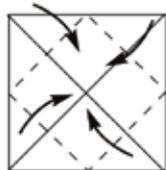
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DECISION MAKER

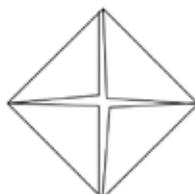
FOLD THE DECISION MAKER BELOW THEN TEST IT ON YOUR FRIENDS



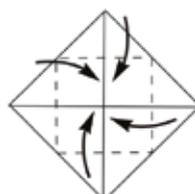
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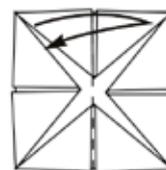
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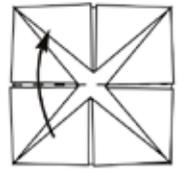
3. Turn paper over



4. Fold all the corners to the centre



5. Fold in half, from top to bottom then unfold



6. Fold in half, from side to side.

7. Once folded, slide thumbs and forefingers under the squares and start decision making!

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COLOURING IN COLOUR IN THE PICTURE OF ASTERIX

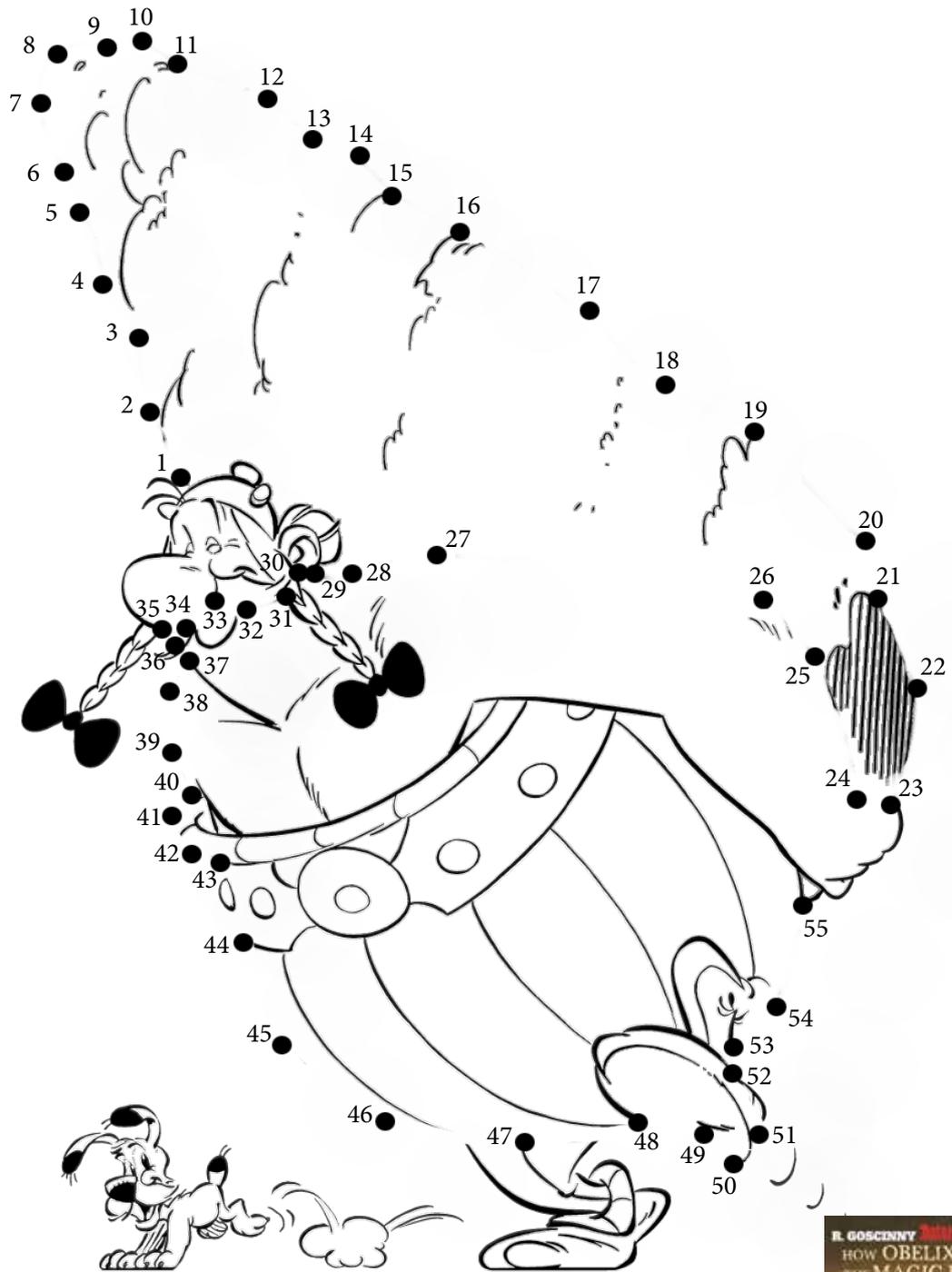


ASTERIX FACT - ASTERIX RELIES ON HIS WITS TO TRICK HIS WAY OUT OF SCRAPES. ASTERIX GETS HIS SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH FROM THE MAGIC POTION BREWED BY THE DRUID GETAFIX.

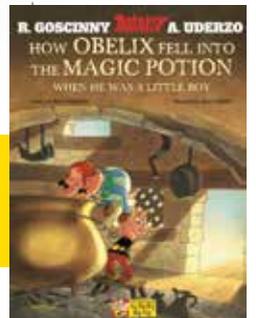
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DOT-TO-DOT

JOIN THE DOTS THEN COLOUR IN OBELIX



ASTERIX FACT - OBELIX IS A MENHIR DELIVERY-MAN BY TRADE AND IS SO STRONG BECAUSE HE FELL INTO GETAFIX'S MAGIC POTION AS A CHILD.



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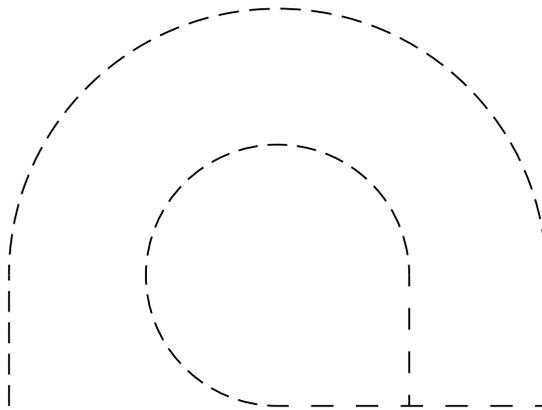


ASTERIX FACT - GETAFIX WAS VOTED TOP DRUID BY HIS PEERS AND HAS PLENTY MORE RECIPES UP HIS SLEEVE BEYOND THE MAGIC POTION...

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DOOR HANGER

COLOUR IN THE SHAPES BELOW THEN CUT THEM OUT AND STICK THEM TOGETHER TO MAKE YOUR VERY OWN ASTERIX DOOR HANGER

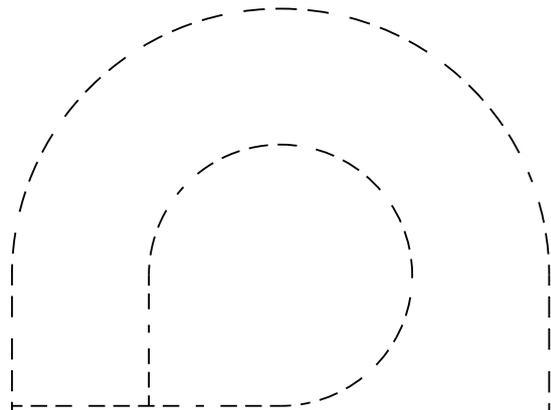


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ALLOWED**



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**ONLY GAULS
MAY ENTER**



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DESIGN YOUR OWN ROMAN SHIELD



**DID YOU KNOW LEGIONARIES PAINTED PATTERNS ON THEIR SHIELDS TO REPRESENT THEIR UNIT. THEY ALSO INCLUDED THEIR OWN PERSONAL DESIGNS.
WHAT'S PERSONAL TO YOU THAT YOU COULD INCLUDE ON YOUR SHIELD?**