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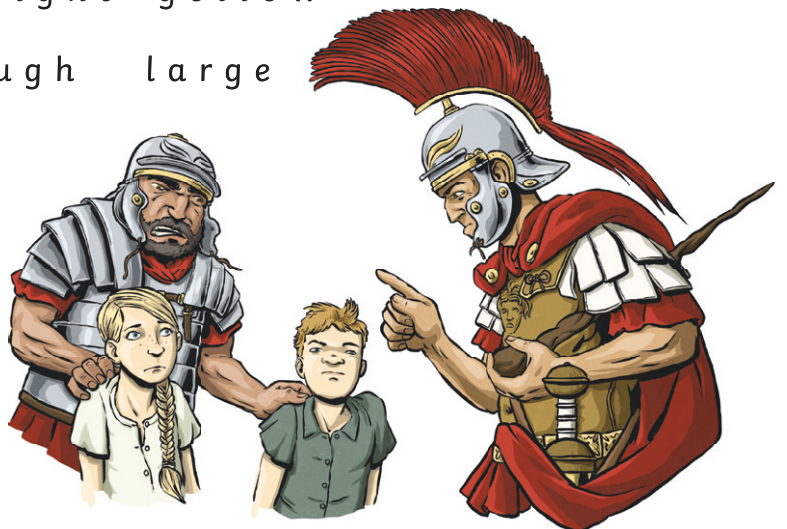
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“Maybe the stairs were too steep for Professor Howe .”

“Are you kidding? Mum said Professor Howe was only in his early forties,” Charlie reminded her, “and he was a treasure hunter, remember? I doubt he’d let a single set of stairs stand in his way.”