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**WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF**

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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**

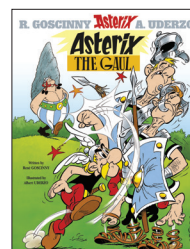
OBELIX'S CONSTANT COMPANION AND CANINE ECO-WARRIOR



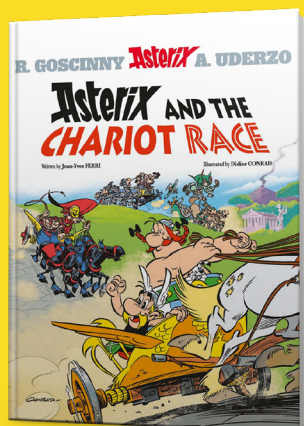
**GETAFIX**

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

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



**HE WAS BORN IN 100 BCE**

**WHEN HE WAS YOUNGER, HE WAS ONCE CAPTURED BY PIRATES**

**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 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

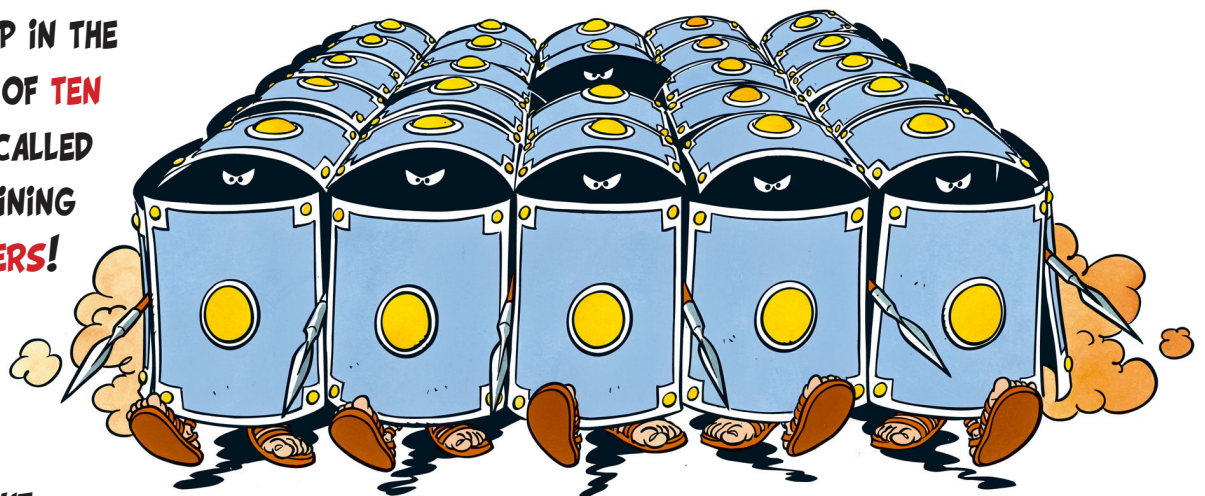
- **SMASH**  
**THEIR WAY**  
INTO AN ENEMY  
STRONGHOLD

- **SWIM ACROSS RIVERS**  
IN THIS KIT
- **BUILD ROADS AND FORTS**  
AFTER A DAY MARCHING

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  
DOGMAfix

ROMANS  
CAESAR  
GAUL  
ROME

LEGIONARY  
TESTUDO  
CENTURY  
COHORT

G	T	X	C	O	H	O	R	T	X	M
S	E	O	I	N	G	A	I	L	R	Y
N	S	T	A	L	S	A	T	F	O	R
A	T	Y	A	E	E	A	U	L	M	A
M	U	L	A	F	M	B	U	L	E	N
O	D	C	X	G	I	O	O	K	F	O
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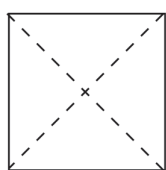
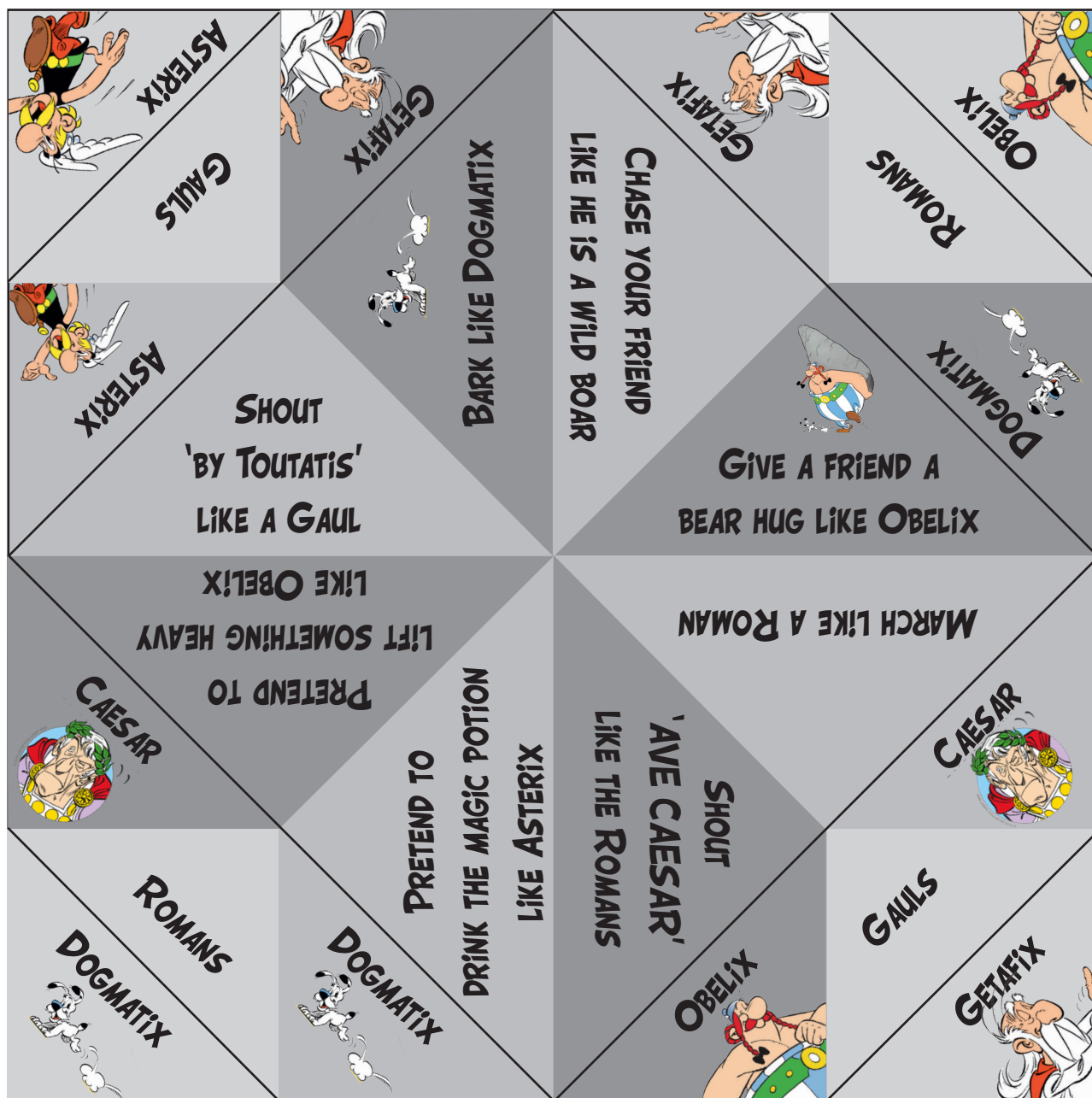




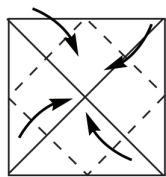
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## DECISION MAKER

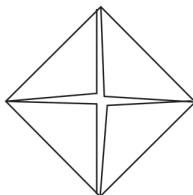
FOLD THE DECISION MAKER BELOW THEN TEST IT ON YOUR FRIENDS



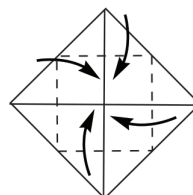
1. Fold along the diagonals with this side facing you.



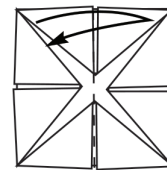
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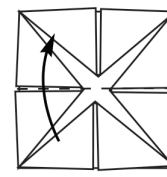
3. Turn paper over



4. Fold all the corners to the centre



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



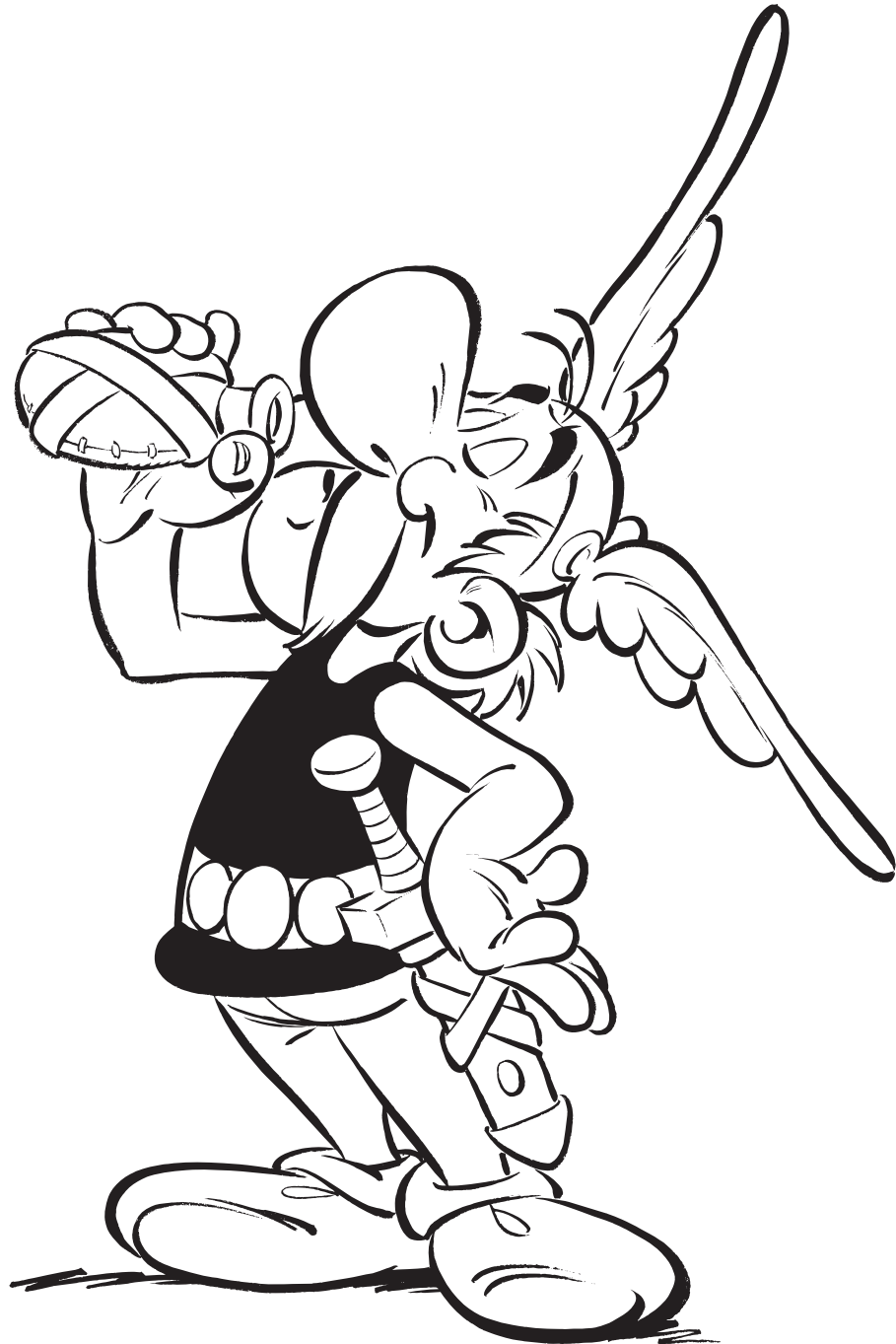
6. Fold in half, from side to side.

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



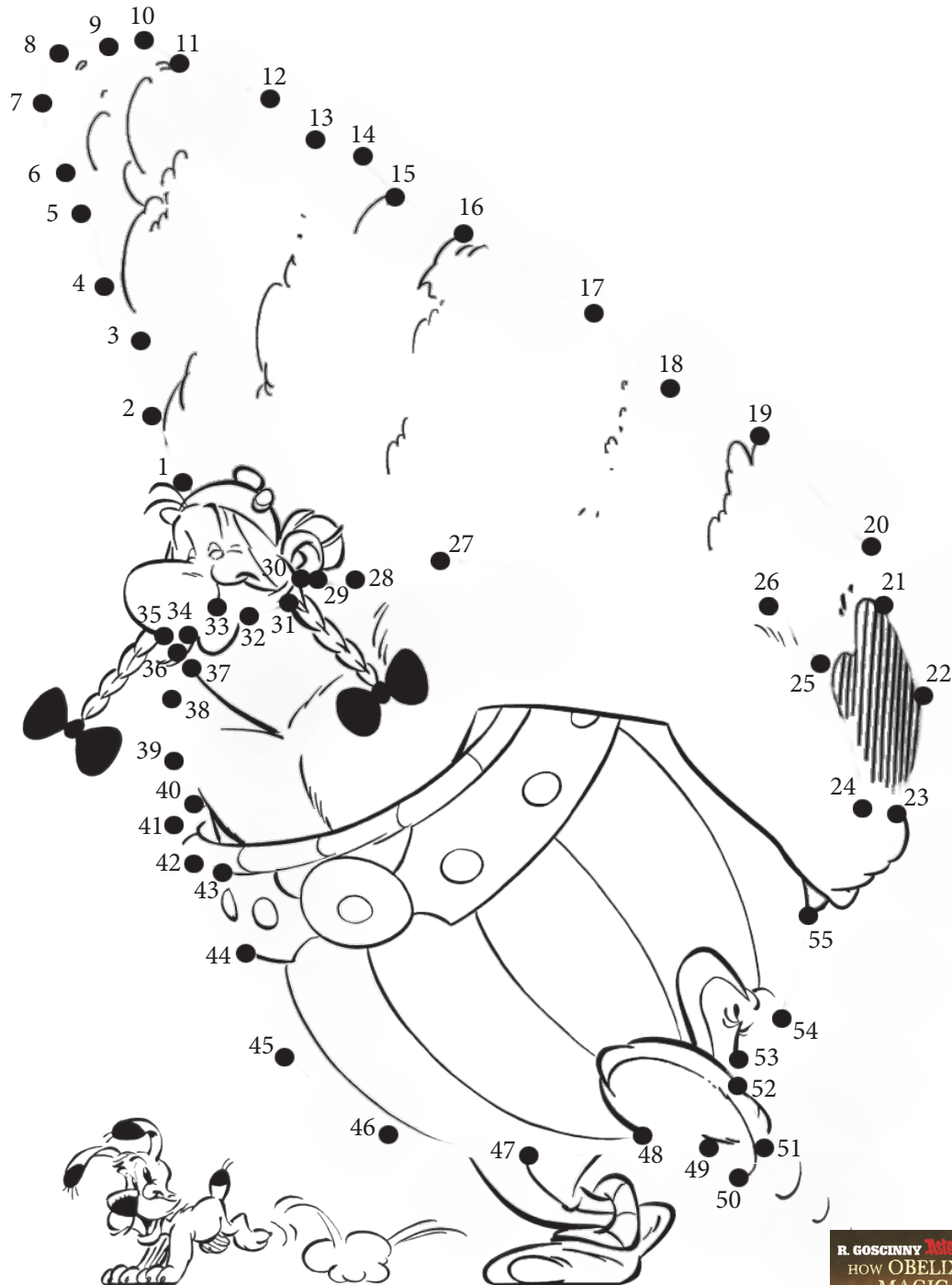
**ASTERIX FACT** - ASTERIX RELIES ON HIS WITS TO TRICK HIS WAY OUT OF SCRAPES. ASTERIX GETS HIS SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH FROM THE MAGIC POTION BREWED BY THE DRUID GETAFIX.



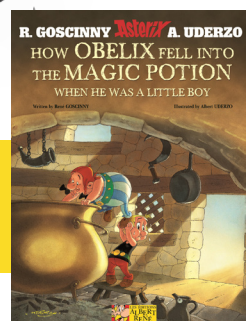
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## DOT-TO-DOT

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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## COLOURING IN COLOUR IN THE PICTURE OF GETAFIX



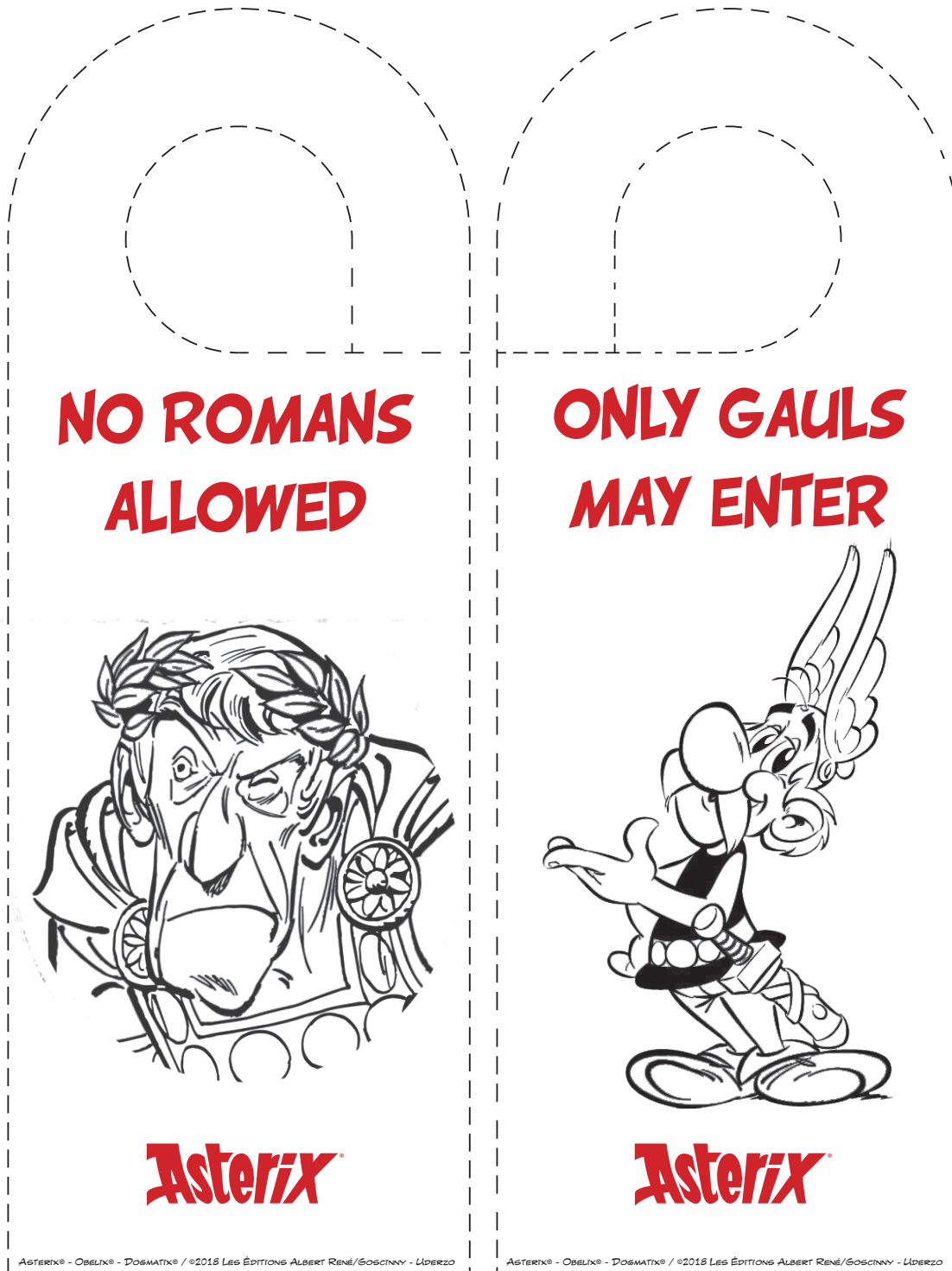
**ASTERIX FACT** - GETAFIX WAS VOTED TOP DRUID BY HIS PEERS AND HAS PLENTY MORE RECIPES UP HIS SLEEVE BEYOND THE MAGIC POTION...



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## DOOR HANGER

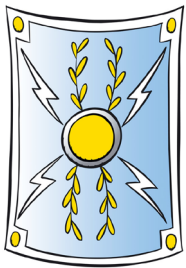
COLOUR IN THE SHAPES BELOW THEN CUT THEM OUT AND STICK THEM TOGETHER TO MAKE YOUR VERY OWN ASTERIX DOOR HANGER



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## 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?**