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Ancient Rome was just as beautiful as cruel. Roman architectural sights are still being admired by the whole world to this day. In Rome you can also find a place, which witnessed bloody fights to the death. It was the Colosseum and its fighters were called gladiators.



The Triumphal Arch

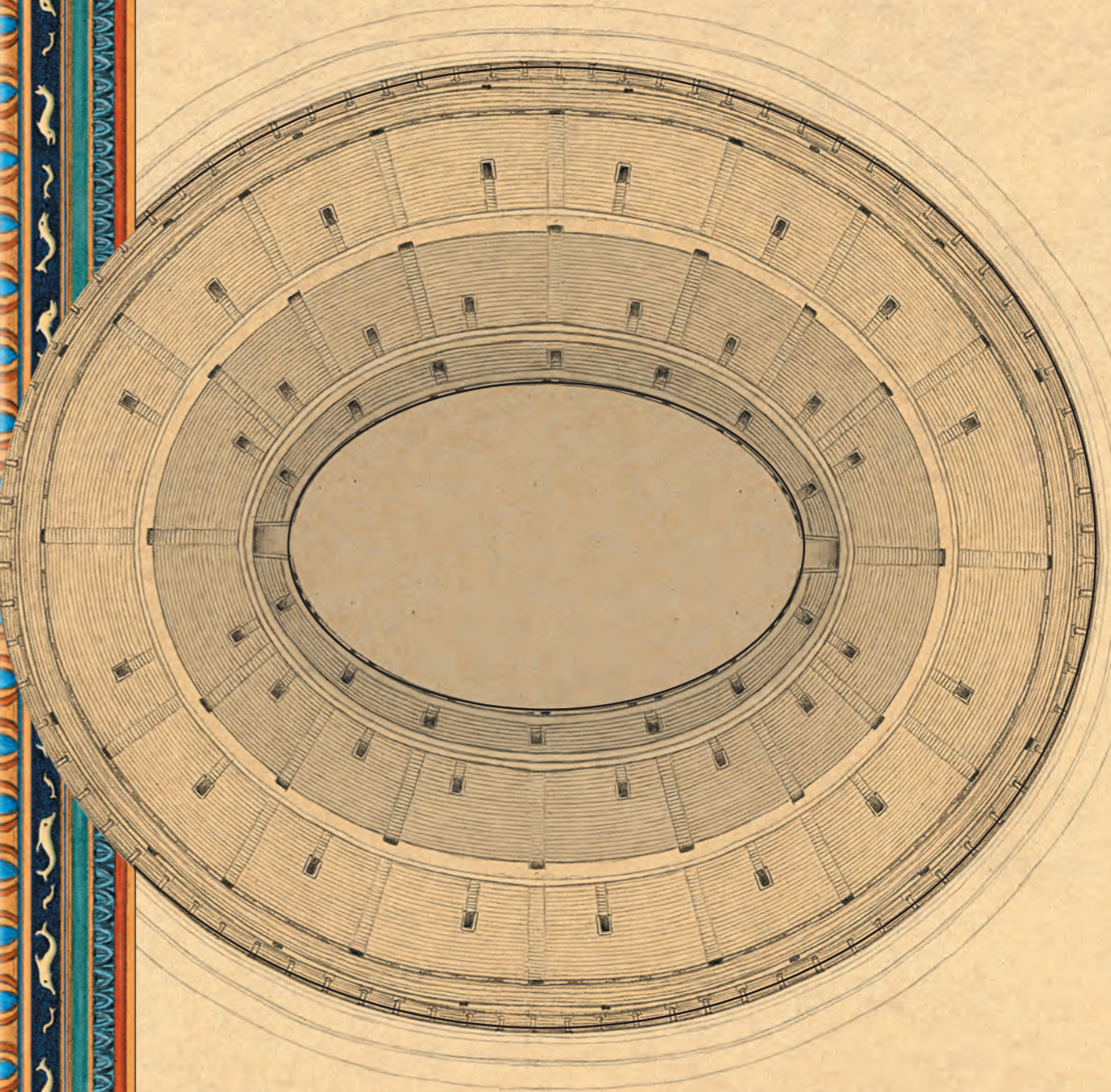
The Baths of Caracalla represented an important place for the social life of the times.



The Basilica of Maxentius served as a meeting point and a place for settling law-suits.



The enormous dome of the Pantheon shows the mastery of Roman architects.



Who were gladiators?



*Only a few dared to fight
gladiators willingly.
Most of them were
slaves or war prisoners.*



*Professional gladiators underwent
severe training before each fight.
The Great Gladiatorial Training School called
the Ludus Magnus was located near the Colosseum.*



The life of gladiators
in ancient Rome



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*Most gladiators died in
ruthless fights simply
for the enjoyment of the
audience. Only the very best
were able to win repeatedly and
were freed.*



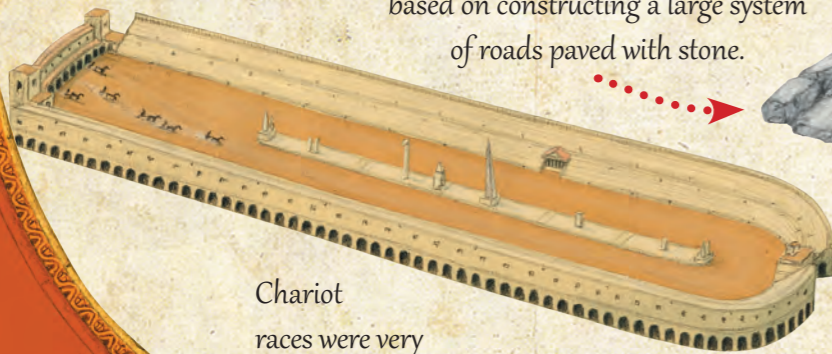
Aqueducts were great technical masterpieces which served as a water supply for towns and cities.



Great progress of the empire was based on constructing a large system of roads paved with stone.



Chariot races were very popular. The largest chariot racing stadium was called The Circus Maximus.



People living in the capital were content as long as they had enough bread and entertainment.

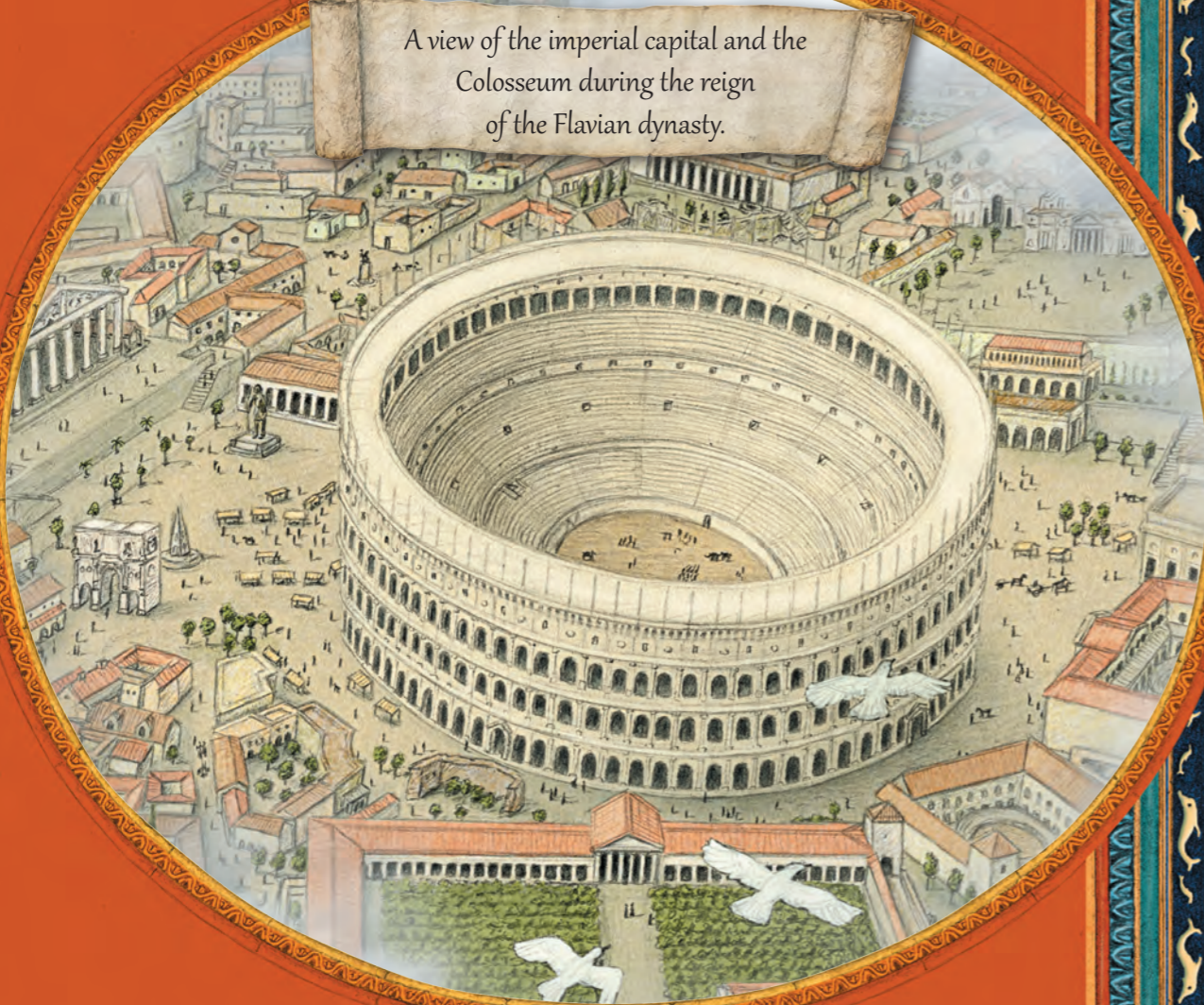


A famous race of chariots drawn by four horses was called the quadriga.

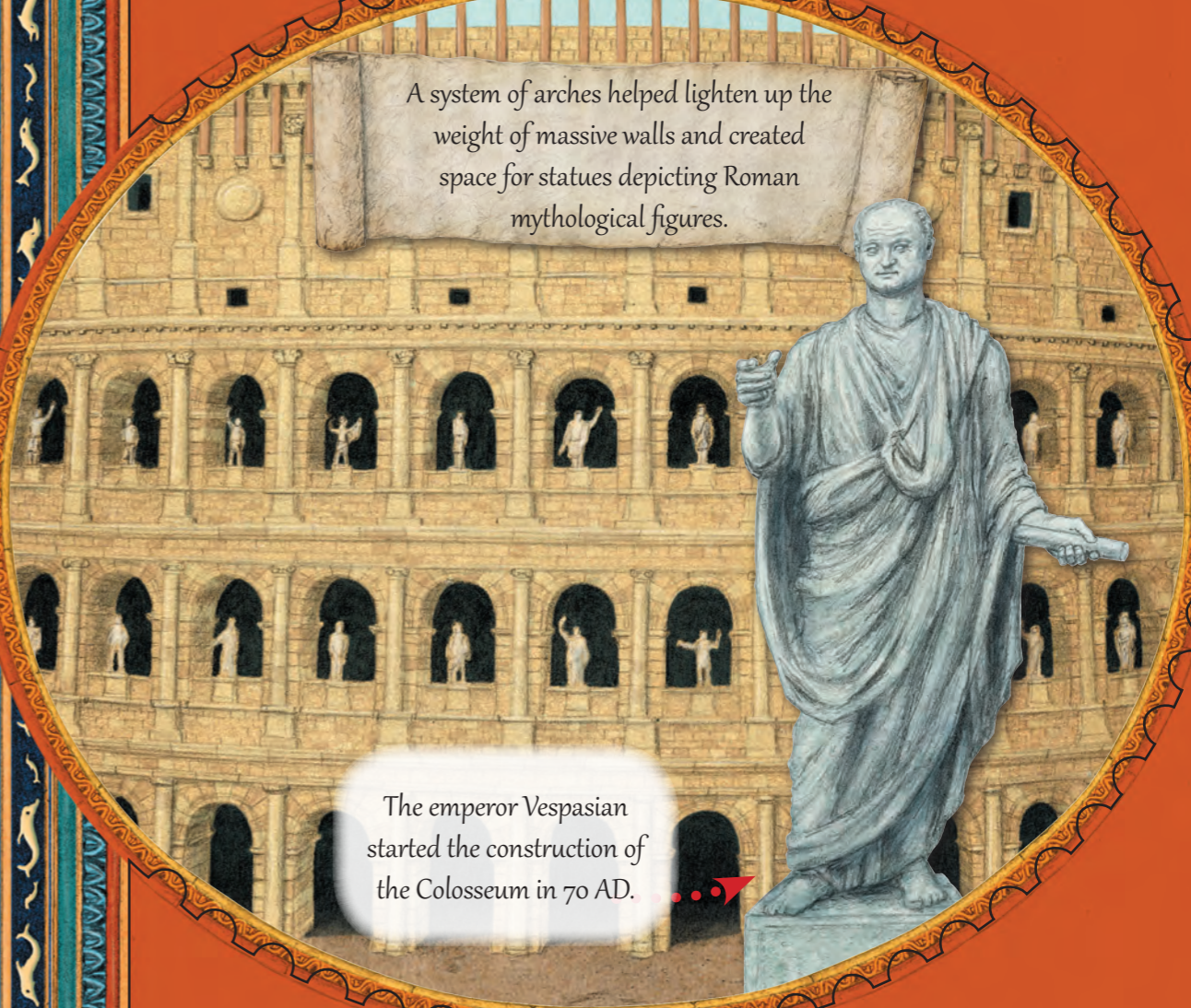
A racing chariot was light and had a wide wheelbase for good balance.



A view of the imperial capital and the Colosseum during the reign of the Flavian dynasty.



A system of arches helped lighten up the weight of massive walls and created space for statues depicting Roman mythological figures.



The emperor Vespasian started the construction of the Colosseum in 70 AD.



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The book in the shape of Roman colosseum offers readers the most interesting facts and information about the gladiators. How they lived, why they fought, what armour and weapons they had and many more...

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