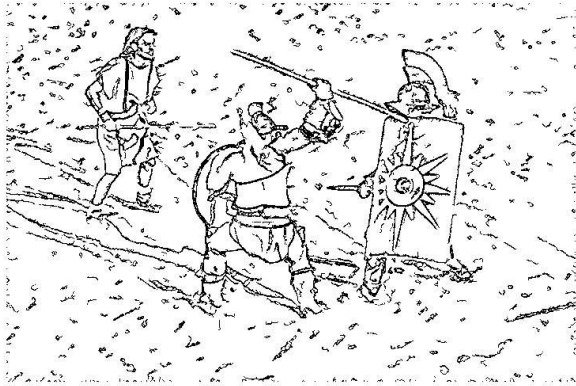




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TARRAGONA
SPAIN:
GLADIATORS



Tarragona is a beautiful city by the Mediterranean Sea in Catalonia, Spain. The city of Tarragona is capital of the province of the same name.

Founded before the 5th century B.C. (before Christ), it became the capital of the Roman Empire in Hispania Citerior (an old part of Spain). It was then called Tarraco, which was founded in 218 B.C.

Today when you visit, you can see some important remains of the Roman Empire such as the amphitheatre by the sea, the circus and the provincial forum.

The [colouring page](#) shows gladiators fighting in the amphitheatre. Each year in Tarragona, the local authorities organise re-enactments of Roman times. So if you visit during this time, you will see people dressed up as Romans, like in this picture.

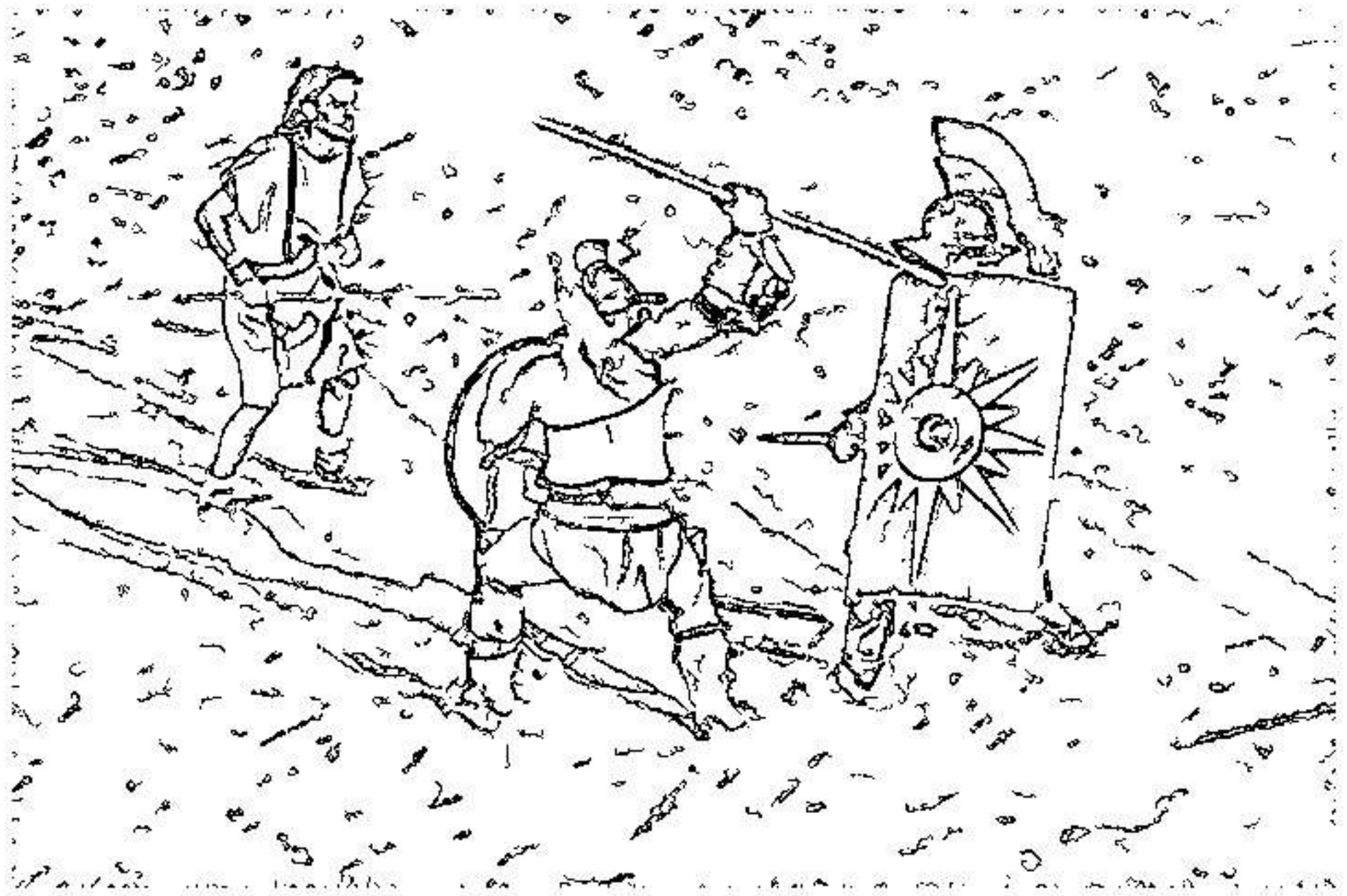
What is a gladiator?

A gladiator is a person who engages in a fight. Normally gladiators used swords or other weapons when fighting. They fought in public, like in a setting such as the amphitheatre in the picture.

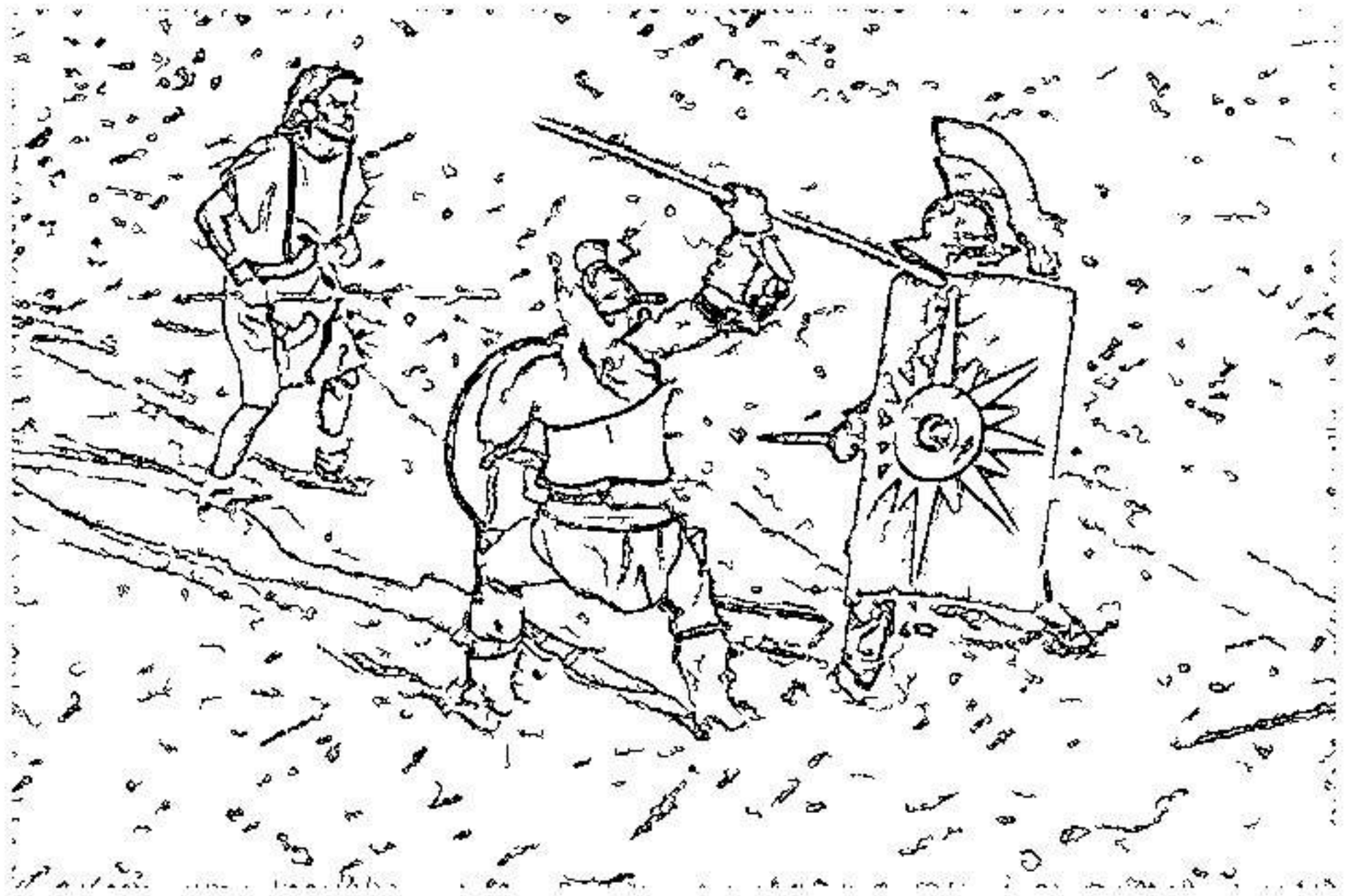
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