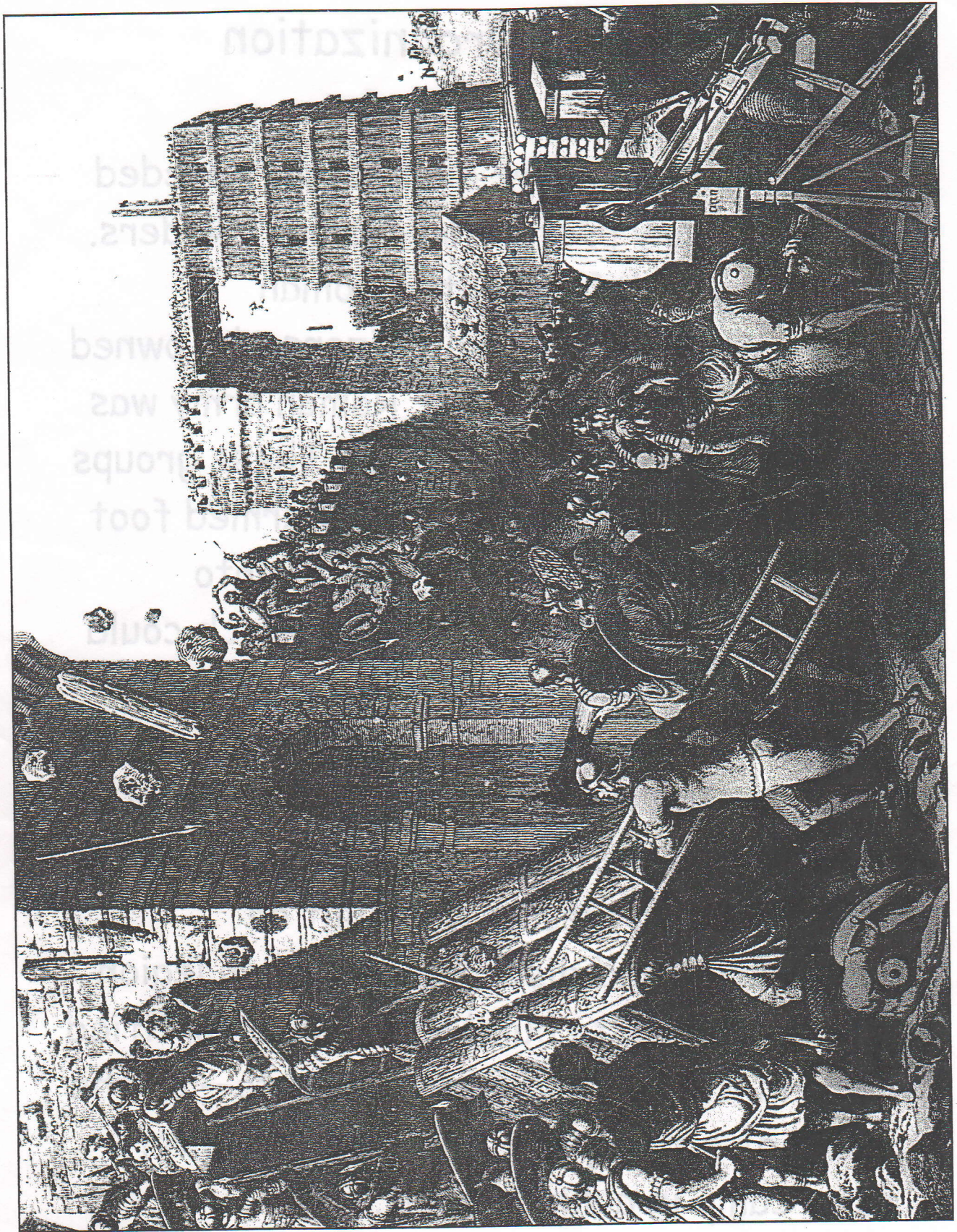


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As the Roman Empire expanded, it needed extra military protection against invaders. To strength defenses, the Roman government required all citizens who owned land to serve in the army. Roman army was divided into units call legions. These groups were made up of 6,000 heavily armed foot soldiers. Each legion was divided into smaller units, called centuries, which could be moved around quickly. As a result, groups of Roman soldiers could easily split off from the main army and attack from all sides. The Roman army— pictured here storming a fortress— was built on cooperation and discipline. A Roman legion had to be able to build a complete fortified camp in a night, and was trained to— at the sound of a trumpet— take apart the very same camp in a single night.