

Livy – Hannibal crosses the Alps

Episode 3

1 *procedere inde agmen coepit,*

iam nihil ne hostibus quidem – praeter parva furta, per occasionem – temptantibus

when the column began to advance,

what opposition did they face? [3+3+2]

the enemy didn't even try anything

– **except for some small raids, when they got the chance**

2a *ceterum iter multo quam in adscensu fuerat...difficilius fuit*

what does Livy say about the rest of the journey? [4]

it was much more difficult than it had been on the way up

2b – *ut pleraque Alpium ab Italia sicut breviora ita arrectiora sunt –*

how does Livy explain why this was so? [3+2+2]

just as most <of the slopes> of the Alps on the Italian side are shorter,

so they are (correspondingly) steeper

3a *omnis enim ferme via praeceps, angusta, lubrica erat*

quote in Latin and translate 3 adjectives that describe almost the whole route [2+2+2]

praeceps steep; angusta narrow; lubrica slippery

3b *ut neque sustinere se ab lapsu possent*

what was the first consequence of the state of the route? [3]

they were not able to stop themselves from slipping

3c *nec qui paulum titubassent haerere adflicti vestigio suo <possent>*

what was the second consequence of the state of the route? [2+1+2]

those who had stumbled a little <were not able> to get a grip as they lost their footing

3d *aliique super alios et iumenta in homines occiderent*

what was the ultimate consequence of these problems?

men fell on top of each other and pack animals fell on top of the men