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FIERCE GLADIATORS FIGHT TO THE DEATH

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Reporter E.Adams gets exclusive access to the world of gladiator fighting at The Roman Colosseum.

On Monday 5th January 358BC, two ferocious gladiators battled to the death at the infamous Colosseum, as yet another night of entertainment was held at the amphitheatre.

Though these battles may look gruesome to some, these scenes are not out of the ordinary to the people of Rome. 10-12 times a year, the Emperor will pay for the Games to take part and entertain tens of thousands of spectators.

Monday started like any other night at the renowned amphitheatre. The first part of the Games includes an 'animal hunt' which is where a soldier will hunt down a fearsome beast such as a tiger. The people in the crowds roared with excitement at this, though I found it quite distressing to witness.

It was then time for the main events of the night. The crowds erupted in cheer as two gladiators proudly showcased



SPECTATORS ROAR AS GLADIATOR ATTICUS DEFEATS YET ANOTHER VICTIM

impressive suits of armour and weaponry. The ear-piercing clashing of iron swords deafened the blood-thirsty crowds. With a powerful lunge straight to the stomach of his competitor, Atticus took yet another victory. He is now undefeated and is now called 'Unconquered Atticus'.

Though these Games prove to be widely popular with the Emperor and his people, it has to be questioned how long this barbaric entertainment can continue for. Does this kind of entertainment have a future with today's Romans?