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Immutable

Thousands of years of glacier defrosted

The Roman Marcellus kept at it

not far from Denver

until he conquered Syracuse

revealing an ice age wooly mammoth

ordering destruction to all but Archimedes.

carcass reclining in slush.

The old mathematician, engrossed in making circles in dust

The big find made big news

ignored a command to come along

so no one listened to the guy

and the enraged conscript thrust his sword for kill

who asked why everything was melting.

leaving the problem unsolved.

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