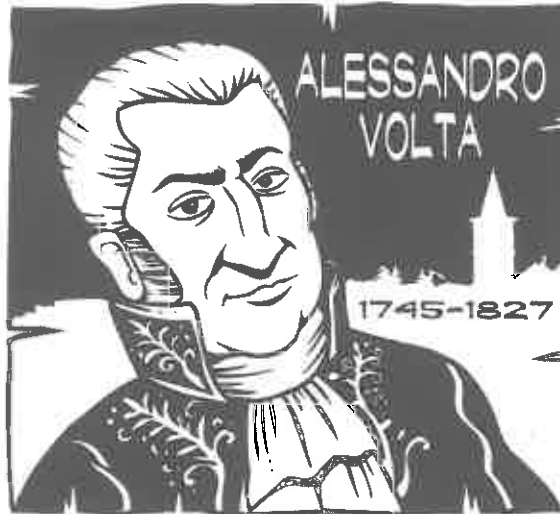


# Alessandro Volta: Battery maker

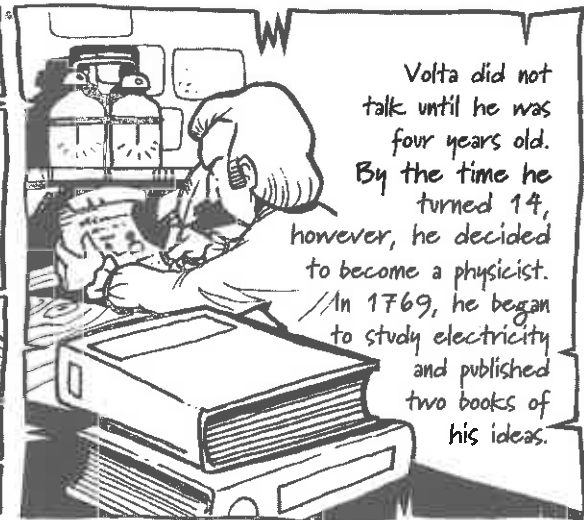
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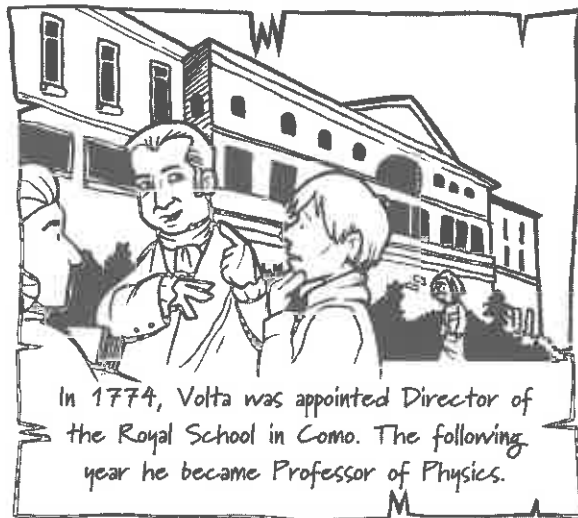
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Alessandro Giuseppe Antonio Anastasio Volta was born in Como, Northern Italy in 1745. He lived with his parents, Filippo and Maddalena.



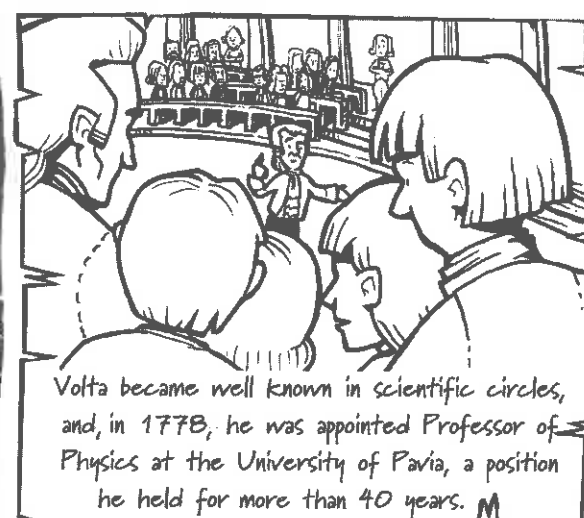
Volta did not talk until he was four years old. By the time he turned 14, however, he decided to become a physicist. In 1769, he began to study electricity and published two books of his ideas.



In 1774, Volta was appointed Director of the Royal School in Como. The following year he became Professor of Physics.



In 1776, while visiting local swamps, Volta observed a 'mystery gas' known then as 'swamp gas', which was used to light gas lanterns. Volta was the first person to isolate methane from 'swamp gas'.



Volta became well known in scientific circles, and, in 1778, he was appointed Professor of Physics at the University of Pavia, a position he held for more than 40 years.