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What happened to the Romans in Scotland?

Well, they all had to go south to deal with attacks by a Gaelic-speaking tribe from Ireland called the Scots, and attacks by the Anglo-Saxons from Germany and Denmark.

Their other big problem was that many Caledonian tribes were uniting into a larger group called the Picts. And as if that wasn't bad enough, there was also trouble brewing back in Rome and in other parts of the empire.

So, it was time for many Romans to pack up and leave Britannia all together. Some went off to fight elsewhere and others just returned home to wherever they came from in the first place.

And even though some stayed... not you, you can go... there were no Roman soldiers left in Caledonia. The nearest Romans were living around Hadrian's Wall. See ya!

So, what exactly did they leave behind? A wealthy land, thanks to the Roman silver and jewellery they brought to bribe us and the tribes of Caledonia started to work together to become more organised and this, some people believe, was the start of the Scottish nation - a land which would become known as Scotland.