

THE TUMBLE TALES OF KAPTIN KIDDO



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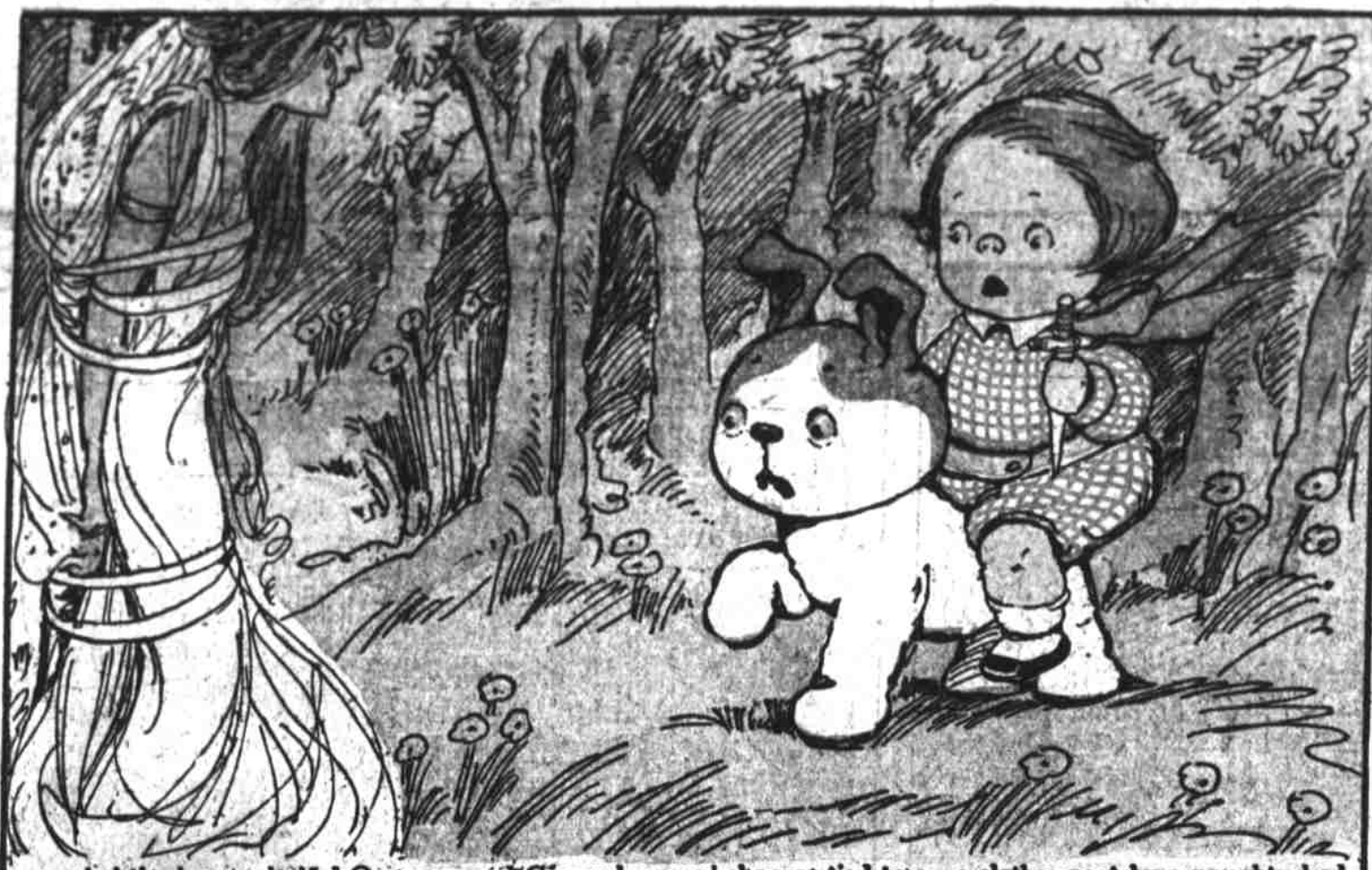
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Ther' was onced a man what had Ten-sons an' one was named King Arthur an' he was a "night." A "night" is a person what rides a trusty steed an' has a sword called X-scallawag an' slews peoples, an'—an' I readed 'bout turn-o-mints an'—an' ever'fing like 'at, an' I sed, "I is goin' to be a 'night' too."



An' I taked Puppo for mine trusty steed, an' I called mine dagger X-scallawag, an' I tied Gwendylia Vangelin May's red hair ribbon to it—for a color—'cause it was a n' orful bright color—an' I rided forth to a deep wood—back of our back fence—an' Puppo he didn't not want to be a trusty steed a-t-all.



An' ther' was a bu'ful Queen named Gin-an-beer an' she was tied to a clothes post by a naughty bad enchanter—an' she see'd me comin' an' she sed, "Oh, safe me! Safe me! Lance-a-lot!" An' I sed, "I isn't not Lance-a-lot, I is Kaptin Kiddo—but all the more I'll safe you, Gin-an-beer!" An' I taked X-scallawag an' I cutted the ropes.

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'En I goed to—to seek the naughty bad enchanter—his name was Maryland—an' I finded him asleep an' I picked a lot o' mint an' covered him all up, an' he was a turn-o-mint, an' he, shrivvelled; all up, till he, wasn't not ther' a-t-all an' 'en I taked X-scallawag an'—an' I slewed him all up.



'En Queen Gin-an-beer she sed she'd marry me, but I sed, "No" mine dee-ar Muvver wouldn't let me, an' sides I was 'gaged to the fair maid who's hair ribbon was tied on X-scallawag. 'En Queen Gin-an-beer she cried an' cried an' cried till she was all cried to pieces—what-che-know-'bout-'at!



'En—well 'en I rided home an' mine dee-ar Muvver she sed, "You is too heavy to ride poor Puppo." An' I telled her 'bout me bein' a "night" an' slewin' fings wif X-scallawag, an' mine dee-ar Muvver, she, hugged me an' she squeezed me, an' she sed, "Oh you funny, cute 'ittle Kiddo!"