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THE OLD HOME TOWN

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THE STORY OF THE LAME SCHOOLMASTER

IN THEIR SECOND WAR WITH THE MESSENIANS, THE SPARTANS, BEFORE GOING INTO BATTLE, CONSULTED AN ORACLE AND WERE TOLD THAT THEY WOULD BE DEFEATED UNLESS THEY WERE LED BY AN ATHENIAN.



THE SPARTANS CONSIDERED THEMSELVES BETTER FIGHTERS THAN THE ATHENIANS BUT THEY BELIEVED IN THE ORACLE'S PREDICTION AND THOUGH IT HURT THEIR PRIDE THEY SENT A MESSENGER TO ATHENS ASKING FOR A GENERAL TO LEAD THEM INTO BATTLE.



THE SPARTANS WERE AMAZED WHEN THE ATHENIANS SENT THEM A LAME SCHOOLMASTER NAMED TYRTAEUS, AND WERE EVEN MORE SURPRISED WHEN THE MAN APPEARED CARRYING A LYRE INSTEAD OF A SWORD.



BUT TYRTAEUS SOON PROVED HIS WORTH. TAKING HIS PLACE AT THE HEAD OF THE SPARTANS, HE STRUCK UP A STRONG WAR SONG. FIRED BY HIS MUSIC, THE SPARTANS FOUGHT AS NEVER BEFORE AND EASILY WON THE VICTORY.



HIGH LIGHTS OF HISTORY

Chapter 40—The Messenian Wars.

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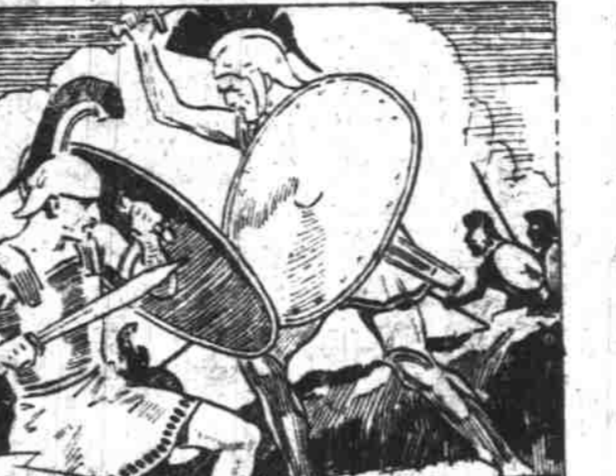
WEST OF SPARTA IN ANCIENT GREECE LAY THE COUNTRY OF THE MESSENIANS. THE WARLIKE SPARTANS WANTED THE RICH FARMING LANDS OF MESSENIA FOR THEMSELVES, AND WERE EAGER FOR AN EXCUSE TO ATTACK THEIR NEIGHBORS.



THE MESSENIANS AND THE SPARTANS WERE OF THE SAME RACE AND RELIGION. ON THE BORDER STOOD A TEMPLE WHERE THE PEOPLE OF BOTH NATIONS CAME TO SACRIFICE TO THE GODS.



THE SPARTAN GIRLS WHO CAME TO THE TEMPLE WERE VERY BEAUTIFUL, AND THE MESSENIANS DESIRED THEM FOR WIVES. ONE DAY SOME OF THESE GIRLS WERE CARRIED OFF BY MESSENIAN YOUTHS.



THE ABDUCTION OF THE MAIDENS GAVE THE SPARTANS THE EXCUSE THEY HAD BEEN LOOKING FOR AND THEY QUICKLY INVADIED MESSENIA. THE MESSENIANS RESISTED VALIANTLY, BUT THEY WERE NO MATCH FOR THEIR WELL-TRAINED ENEMIES.



MESSENIA WAS CONQUERED AND HER PEOPLE REDUCED TO SLAVERY BY THE INVADERS. AFTER FORTY YEARS OF DODGING, THE MESSENIANS REVOLTED, LED BY A PRINCE NAMED ARISTOMENES.



ARISTOMENES RAISED A SMALL FORCE AND BOLDLY ATTACKED THE SPARTANS. HE WAS VICTORIOUS IN SEVERAL BATTLES, AND DROVE THE ENEMY BACK UNTIL HIS INTREPID LITTLE ARMY WAS ENCAPSED WITHIN SIGHT OF THE CITY OF SPARTA.



IN SPITE OF HIS GENERALSHIP AND THE VALOR OF THE MESSENIANS, ARISTOMENES WAS AT LAST DEFEATED BY A SPARTAN ARMY LED BY TYRTAEUS, AN ATHENIAN. MANY MESSENIANS WERE MADE PRISONERS, AMONG THEM THEIR BRAVE LEADER.



ON THEIR RETURN, THE SPARTANS PUT THEIR CAPTIVES TO DEATH BY HURLING THEM DOWN INTO A DEEP ROCKY PIT. THE LAST TO BE THROWN IN WAS ARISTOMENES.



BY LUCK, ARISTOMENES DID NOT STRIKE THE JAGGED SIDES OF THE PIT AS HE FELL, AND LANDED UNHURT UPON THE PILE OF HIS DEAD SOLDIERS. HOWEVER, HE WAS STILL A PRISONER AND FACED A LINGERING DEATH FROM STARVATION.



AFTER THREE DAYS IN THIS HORRIBLE PREDICAMENT, HE SAW IN THE DIM LIGHT A FOX MOVING ABOUT AMONG THE SLAIN. HE LAY QUITE STILL, AND WHEN THE LITTLE ANIMAL CAME CLOSE TO HIM HE SEIZED ITS BUSY TAIL.



THE FOX STRUGGLED TO GET AWAY, HOLDING FAST TO IT, ARISTOMENES WAS GUIDED THROUGH A NARROW CRACK OUT OF THE PIT, AND EMERGED, BLINKING, INTO THE BRIGHT SUNSHINE.



ARISTOMENES SUCCEEDED IN REACHING MESSENIA, WHERE HE HAD BEEN MOURNED AS DEAD. LATER, MESSENIA WAS AGAIN CONQUERED BY THE SPARTANS, AND RATHER THAN LIVE A LIFE OF SLAVERY, MANY MESSENIANS MIGRATED TO ITALY.

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WILLIE!! HUSH YOUR NOISE!!

GEE, I DON'T SEE WHY I GOTTER TAKE A BATH NOW—NOBODY ELSE IN THIS HOUSE EVER TAKES A BATH TILL SATURDAY NIGHT!!

CLUB DAY — UNEXPECTED INSIDE INFORMATION FROM A JUNIOR MEMBER OF THE FIRM

STANLEY

BUDDIE, I'M FED UP ON THIS VEGETABLE DIET OUR FOLKS ARE GOIN' IN FOR. I WUNNER IF WE'LL EVER SEE A DECENT BONE AGAIN!

ANGUS, HERE COMES KELLY ON A DEAD RUN. HE MAY KNOW WHERE THERE'S A BONE

HIT IT UP, FELLERS! THE MEAT MARKET DOWN THE STREET IS ON FIRE

SUCH LUCK!

BY ROBERT L. DICKEY

ETTA KETT

And a Good Strong Set, Too

—By PAUL ROBINSON

MAYBE I JUDGED SCOTTY TOO QUICKLY 'ES TAKING ME TO A SWELL SHOW — HE HAS SEATS RIGHT IN THE FRONT ROW.

NOT IN THE SECOND BALCONY?

SURE — RIGHT IN THE FIRST ROW!

WHAD-DA YA MEAN HIGH? THIS IS GREAT — TAKE A LOOK!

IT MAKES ME DIZZY!

I KEEP THINKING I HEAR MUSIC — HAS THE SHOW STARTED?

YEAH — THEY'RE 'PLAYIN' — IT'S A KNOCKOUT — THE WHOLE THING IS BEING BROADCAST FROM THE STAGE.

GEE! I WISH ID BROUGHT MY RADIO SET.

Just Among Us Girls

A Girl who can't see farther than the end of her nose — never gets far in life.

BY VEP

THE FIGGERS FAMILY

Yes, Golden Rod!

GOLDEN ROD?

SNIFF SNIFF

A-AH--

CHEW

BY VEP