

Prince Valiant

IN THE DAYS OF KING ARTHUR

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Synopsis: PRINCE VALIANT AND SIR GAWAIN ARE TOGETHER AGAIN, AND THE GRAY WALLS OF VIKINGSHOLM RING WITH LAUGHTER. TONIGHT THEY MAKE MERRY, AS GALLANT PEOPLE DO WHO KNOW THAT TOMORROW WILL BRING SERIOUS BUSINESS, PERHAPS DEADLY PERIL.



KING ARTHUR HAS SENT GAWAIN ACROSS THE SEA TO ASK VAL TO GO ON A DESPERATE MISSION..... A MISSION FROM WHICH MANY BRAVE MEN HAVE FAILED TO RETURN.



FROM THE MISTY ISLES, ACROSS HALF THE KNOWN WORLD, COME MESSENGERS EACH YEAR TO TELL THEIR QUEEN HOW MATTERS STAND IN HER ISLAND KINGDOM. THIS YEAR THE TIDINGS ARE GRAVE; HER PEOPLE ARE IN DANGER!



VAL HAS BUT TO BUCKLE ON THE EDGED TOOLS OF HIS TRADE AND TAKE UP HIS SCARLET CLOAK, AND HE IS READY TO TRAVEL. BUT ALETA'S NECESSITIES ARE MANY. JEWELS, ORNAMENTS OF GOLD AND RARE PERFUMES, SILKEN SCARVES AND GOWNS OF MANY HUES, BABY CLOTHES, WARM RUGS AND SO ON, AND ON, AND ON.



ANOTHER PARTING: "NOW YOU BOYS RUN ALONG AND GET KING ARTHUR'S BUSINESS DONE WITH AS LITTLE UNNECESSARY DANGER AS POSSIBLE, THEN COME FOR ME IN THE MISTY ISLES. TRY TO GET THERE FOR THE SPRING FESTIVAL!"



A QUEST IS CALLED, PERILOUS DAYS AHEAD, COMPANIONSHIP, PERHAPS SOME SPLENDID FIGHTING AGAINST HARDY FOES! WHAT MORE COULD HEARTY YOUNG KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE ASK?



BUT ON THE EVE OF HER DEPARTURE, ALETA RUNS INTO SERIOUS TROUBLE—MUTINY!

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