



**Synopsis:** ALL BRITAIN WAITED IN DREAD AS THE SAXON INVADERS SWARMED ASHORE IN CORNWALL. AIDED BY THE FIVE CELTIC KINGS, THEY GATHERED THEIR STRENGTH UNOPPOSED. THEN A RAGGED MINSTREL APPEARED AMONGST THEM AND SOWED THE SEEDS OF DISTRUST SO WELL THAT THE SAXONS TURNED UPON THEIR ALLIES AND SLEW ONE OF THE KINGS!



"AND NOW, SIRE," CONCLUDES VAL, "THE REMAINING KINGS HAVE THE CHOICE OF FIGHTING ON OUR SIDE OR WEARING THE SAXON'S CHAINS!"



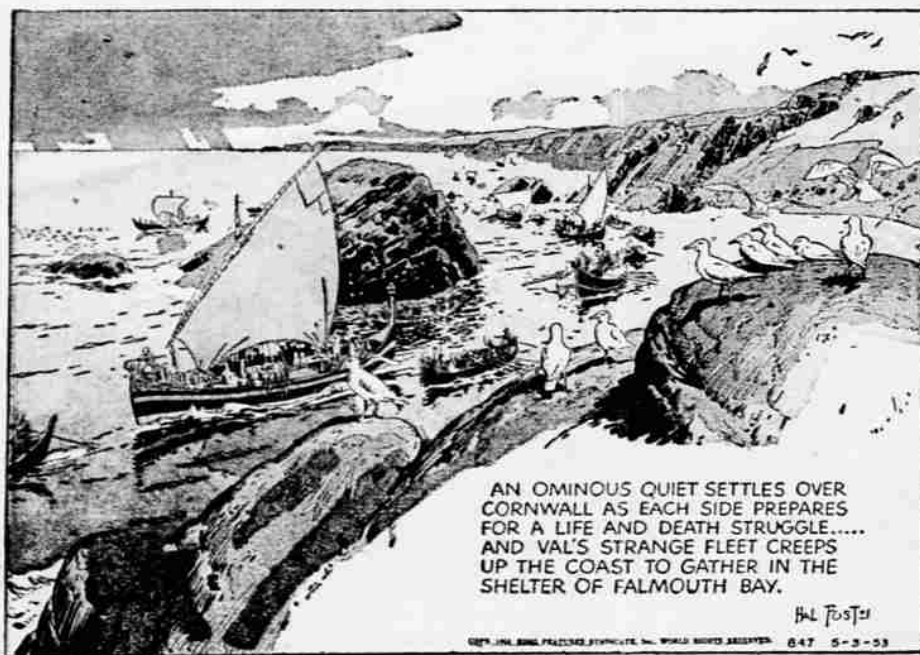
"NOW THAT THE SAXON MUST CONQUER CORNWALL, HE WILL PROBABLY MAKE RESTORMEL HIS STRONG POINT AND WINTER HIS GREAT FLEET OF SHIPS IN FOWEY BAY. IF IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY, I WOULD LIKE TO DESTROY THAT FLEET!" "OH, PRAY DO!" ANSWERS THE KING CARELESSLY, "IT WILL KEEP YOU OUT OF MISCHIEF FOR A WHILE."



EVEN AS VAL PREDICTED, THE SAXONS STRENGTHEN RESTORMEL, DEEPENING THE DITCH AND TOPPING THE EARTHWORKS WITH A WALL OF STONE.



AND THE CELTIC KINGS COME TO TINTAGEL TO JOIN FORCES WITH ARTHUR AND AVOID THE DOOM THAT THREATENS THEM.



AN OMINOUS QUIET SETTLES OVER CORNWALL AS EACH SIDE PREPARES FOR A LIFE AND DEATH STRUGGLE..... AND VAL'S STRANGE FLEET CREEPS UP THE COAST TO GATHER IN THE SHELTER OF FALMOUTH BAY.

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AT LAST THE SAXON IS ON THE MARCH. HORNS SIGNAL FROM HILL TO HILL AND SWIFT MESSENGERS SPEED OUT FROM TINTAGEL TO SET THE BATTLE PLANS IN MOTION.

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