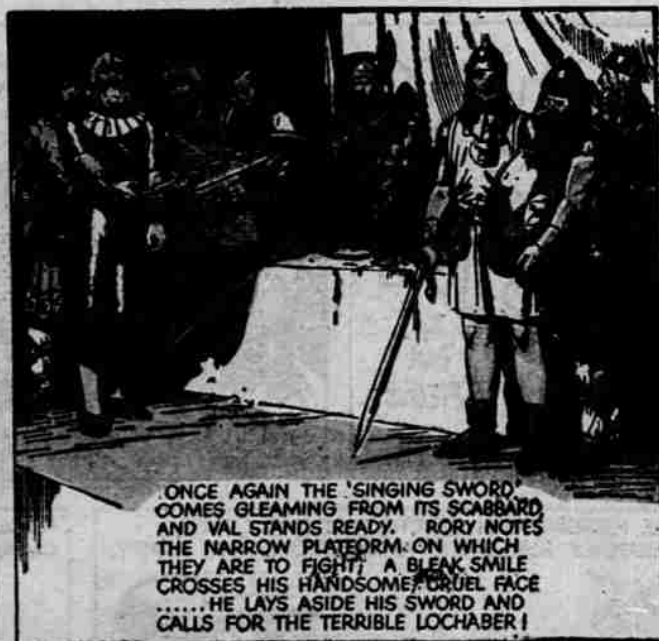
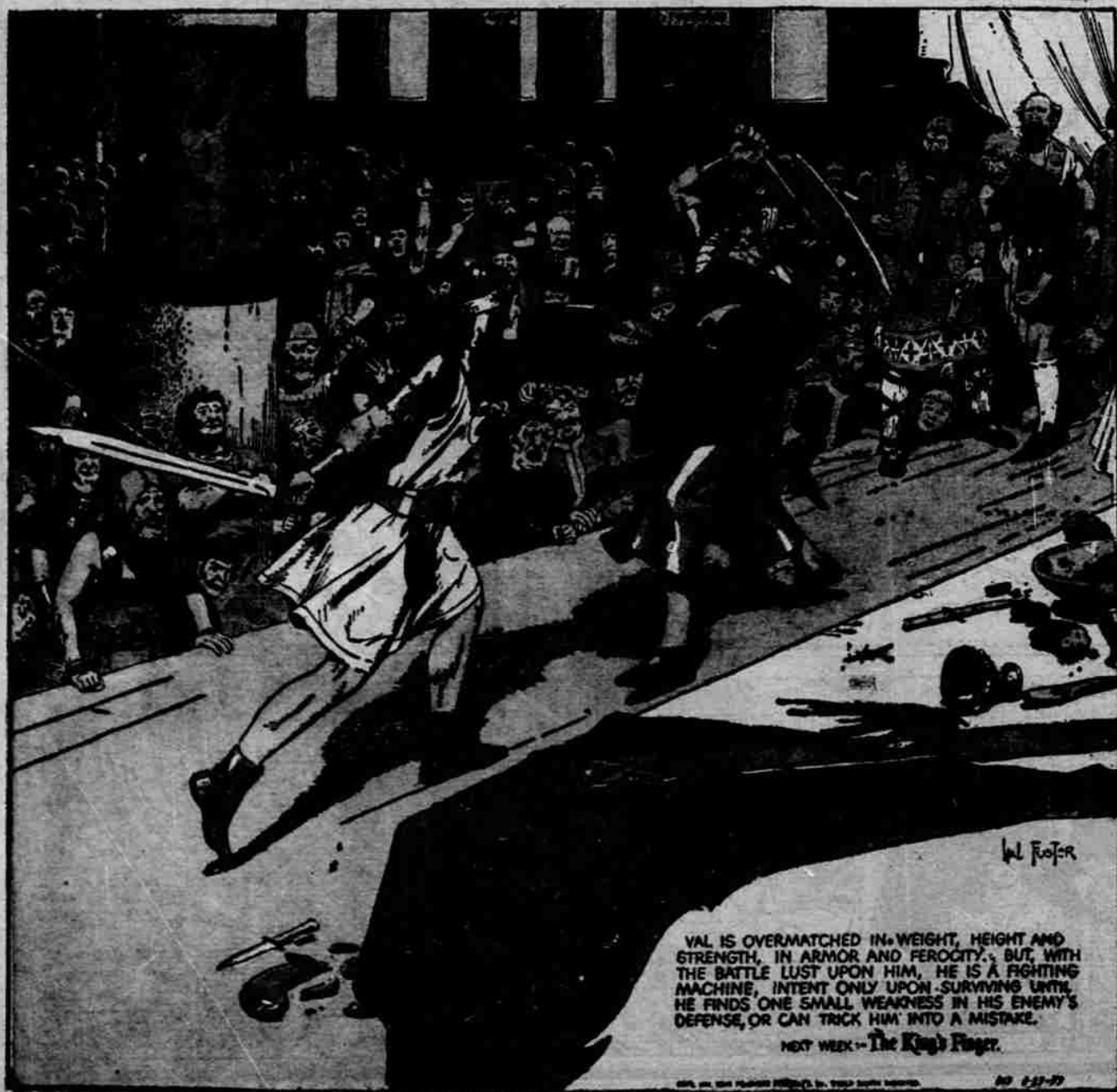




**Synopsis:** PRINCE VALIANT STANDS, A SMILE ON HIS LIPS, BUT HIS EYES GLEAM HARD AND COLD. KING RORY MCCOLM RISES IN MURDEROUS CALM. WORDS HAVE BEEN SPOKEN THAT ONLY DEATH CAN ERASE.



ONCE AGAIN THE 'SINGING SWORD' COMES GLEAMING FROM ITS SCABBARD, AND VAL STANDS READY. RORY NOTES THE NARROW PLATFORM ON WHICH THEY ARE TO FIGHT! A BLEAK SMILE CROSSES HIS HANDSOME, CRUEL FACE ..... HE LAYS ASIDE HIS SWORD AND CALLS FOR THE TERRIBLE LOCHABER!



VAL IS OVERMATCHED IN WEIGHT, HEIGHT AND STRENGTH, IN ARMOR AND FEROCITY. BUT, WITH THE BATTLE LUST UPON HIM, HE IS A FIGHTING MACHINE, INTENT ONLY UPON SURVIVING UNTIL HE FINDS ONE SMALL WEAKNESS IN HIS ENEMY'S DEFENSE, OR CAN TRICK HIM INTO A MISTAKE.

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