

Prince Valiant

IN THE DAYS OF KING ARTHUR
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Our Story: BROKEN BY HIS ORDEAL, PRINCE VALIANT ANSWERS THE QUESTIONS PUT TO HIM BY HORSA. "WHY DO WE NO LONGER MEET WITH ARTHUR'S KNIGHTS?" DEMANDS HORSA.



"YOU CANNOT CONQUER BRITAIN WHILE ARTHUR HOLDS CAMELOT," VAL WHISPERS WEAKLY. "HE HAS CALLED IN ALL HIS KNIGHTS TO DEFEND THE CITY, BUT HE HOLDS THEM THERE WITH DIFFICULTY, FOR THEY THIRST FOR BATTLE."



"IF ALL YOUR MOUNTED RAIDERS APPEAR BEFORE THE WALLS, NOTHING WILL HOLD THEM BACK; THEY WILL STORM OUT ANGRILY. IF YOUR HORSEMEN CAN DECOY THEM FAR ENOUGH AWAY, CAMELOT WILL BE UNDEFENDED AND YOUR FOOT SOLDIERS CAN STORM IT EASILY."



VAL DIMLY HEARS HORSA DISCUSSING THIS INFORMATION WITH HIS CAPTAINS. THEY FIND THE RING OF TRUTH IN WHAT HE HAS REVEALED AND MAKE THEIR WAR PLANS.



THEN HORSA GATHERS ALL HIS HORSEMEN AND THEY RIDE BOLDLY UP TO THE VERY GATES OF CAMELOT, HURLING INSULTS, WHILE A HORDE OF FOOT SOLDIERS LIE IN WAIT BEHIND THE HILLS.



VAL SURVIVES WEEKS OF HARDSHIP IN THE SAXON CAMP, THEN, DRESSED IN SAXON COSTUME, IS BROUGHT ALONG, TO BE KILLED BY HIS OWN PEOPLE!

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