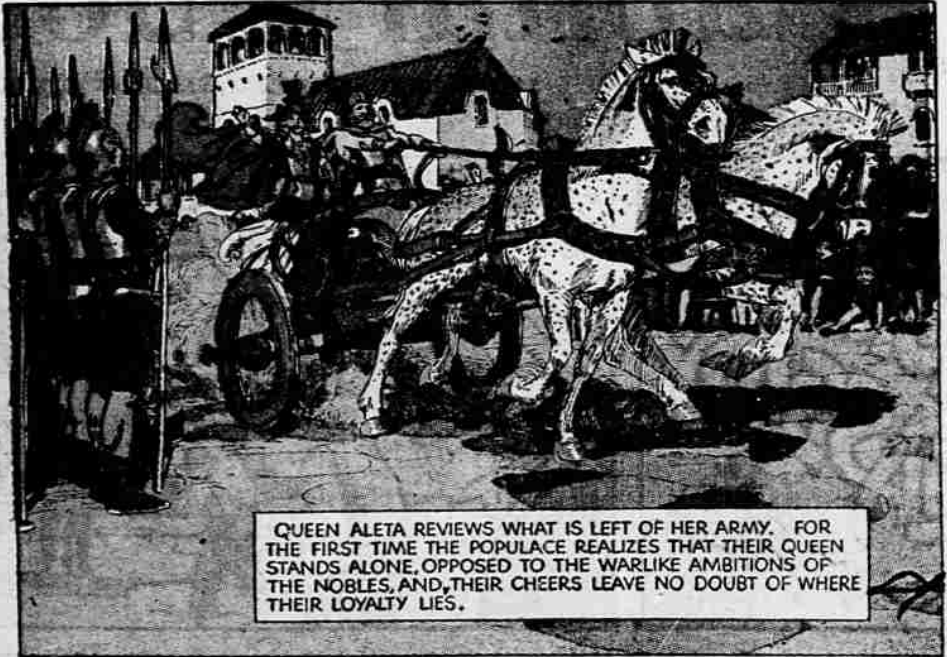


Prince Valiant

IN THE DAYS OF KING ARTHUR
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Our Story: BANISHED! DIONSEUS PACES THE CROWDED DECK IN BITTER RAGE; HE ALONE COULD RULE THE MISTY ISLES AS THEY SHOULD BE RULED, BUT THE GIRL-QUEEN IS RUINING HIS PLANS. HE WILL RETURN, THOUGH, AND GAIN REVENGE AND POWER!



QUEEN ALETA REVIEWS WHAT IS LEFT OF HER ARMY. FOR THE FIRST TIME THE POPULACE REALIZES THAT THEIR QUEEN STANDS ALONE, OPPOSED TO THE WARLIKE AMBITIONS OF THE NOBLES, AND THEIR CHEERS LEAVE NO DOUBT OF WHERE THEIR LOYALTY LIES.



THERE ARE ALSO FAMILY PROBLEMS TO SOLVE. HELENE STORMS IN WEeping. "YOU UNNATURAL SISTER! YOU HAVE BANISHED MY HUSBAND..... AND HE HAD NOBLE PLANS; HE WOULD HAVE MADE THE MISTY ISLES STRONG AND GLORIOUS! NOW HE IS GONE AND MY HEART IS BROKEN!"



"LISTEN TO ME, CUCKOO! DIONSEUS MARRIED YOU FOR POWER, NOT FOR LOVE. TWO ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO KILL PRINCE ARN AND ME SO THAT YOU MIGHT COME TO THE THRONE. WOULD YOUR HUSBAND BE CONTENT TO RULE THROUGH YOU OR WOULD HE PUT YOU AWAY, TOO?"



ALETA LETS HER LITTLE SISTER HAVE HER CRY OUT, THEN SAYS GENTLY, "MAYBE YOU DO LOVE HIM AS A HUSBAND BUT AS A MAN HE IS A TRAITOR..... AND YOU ARE A DAUGHTER OF A KING!"



AS DIONSEUS SAILS HIS GREAT SHIP INTO THE PORT OF CANDIA IN CRETE TO REARM HIS MERCENARIES FOR THE ATTACK ON THE MISTY ISLES, HE PASSES AN OUTWARD-BOUND VESSEL ON WHICH TWO INTERESTING PEOPLE ARE TRAVELING.

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NEXT WEEK—The Coming of Prince Valiant