

Prince Valiant

IN THE DAYS OF KING ARTHUR

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Our Story: THE THREAT OF HUNGER HOVERS OVER THULE. THERE IS NOT ENOUGH FARMLAND ON THE COAST TO FEED THE GROWING POPULATION, AND THE VIKINGS ARE LOATH TO LEAVE THE SEA AND THEIR BOATS TO GO INLAND.



PRINCE VALIANT SETS OUT TO EXPLORE THE HILLS AND VALLEYS OF THE INTERIOR IN SEARCH OF FARMLANDS TO COLONIZE.



WHEREVER BOATS CAN GO, THERE ARE FARMS.



AND WHERE BOATS CAN GO NO FARTHER IS THE LAST OF THE FARMS.



BEYOND THAT THE MEADOWS ARE USED ONLY TO GRAZE THE CATTLE.



FISH AND GAME ARE PLENTIFUL. THE CRISP AUTUMN AIR HAS TURNED THE LEAVES TO GOLD, THE EXPEDITION IS A LONG HOLIDAY.



VAL DISCOVERS ENOUGH LAND TO MAKE THULE A LAND OF PLENTY. BUT ONE THING IS LACKING—ROADS!



"WHAT IS IT THAT YOU GAZE AT SO INTENTLY, SON?" ASKS VAL. "THAT MOUNTAIN, SIR. I MUST CLIMB IT!"

NEXT WEEK: **The Mountaineer.**