



Our Story: NOW THE TIME HAS COME FOR PRINCE VALIANT TO ENTER THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOMS OF THE THREE KINGS OF CORNWALL TO DISCOVER IF TREACHERY IS AFOOT. ONCE BEFORE HE HAD PERFORMED THIS SAME MISSION:-



DISGUISED AS A WANDERING MINSTREL HE HAD ENTERTAINED, LISTENED AND SPREAD RUMORS WITH SUCH SUCCESS.....



.....THAT THE TREACHEROUS KINGS TURNED ON THEIR ALLIES, THE SAXONS, AND THE BATTLES THAT FOLLOWED LEFT BOTH SIDES TOO WEAK TO MENACE KING ARTHUR.



"FETCH ME A TATTERED CLOAK AND MY LUTE!" CRIES VAL. "I WOULD BE A TROUBADOR AGAIN!" "NAY, MASTER," ANSWERS ALFRED. "IT IS NOT ARTISTIC TO REPEAT THE SAME PERFORMANCE, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE THREE KINGS REMEMBER A CERTAIN MINSTREL WHO UPSET THEIR APPELCART!"



"SIT DOWN, LAD," ORDERS HIS HUMBLE SQUIRE. "IT IS MY SUPERIOR JUDGMENT THAT A MIDDLE-AGED PALMER, TELLING TALES OF ADVENTURES IN THE HOLY LAND, WILL NOT BE SUSPECTED OF MEDDLING IN AFFAIRS OF STATE."



WHEN VAL SEES WHAT ALFRED'S SCISSORS HAVE DONE TO HIS MANLY BEAUTY HE MUST BE FORGIVEN FOR A SLIGHT SHOW OF TEMPER!



AS VAL HAS MADE THE PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND HE IS A PALMER AND ENTITLED TO WEAR THE CROSS OR CROSSED PALMS. THE PALMER IS ASSURED A WELCOME ANYWHERE AMONG CHRISTIANS.



THEY LEAVE TINTAGEL BOLDLY EVEN THOUGH THEY KNOW FULL WELL THAT SPIES ARE WATCHING.

NEXT WEEK:- King Durwin.