

Prince Valiant

IN THE DAYS OF KING ARTHUR
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Our Story: THREE KINGS OF CORNWALL HAVE CLOSED THEIR BORDERS TO KING ARTHUR'S KNIGHTS. COULD THAT MEAN TREACHERY IS AFOOT? PRINCE VALIANT AND ALFRED BEGIN THEIR PERILOUS JOURNEY INTO THESE FORBIDDEN LANDS TO FIND OUT.



SO THEY ARE NOT SURPRISED WHEN THEY ARE STOPPED BY BORDER GUARDS AND ORDERED TO TURN BACK.



"STOP ME AT YOUR PERIL!" SHOUTS VAL. "I AM A PALMER WHO HAS MADE THE PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND AND VISITED THE HOLY SEPULCHER. TAKE ME TO YOUR KING!"



TO THESE SUPERSTITIOUS SOLDIERS A PALMER IS A HOLY MAN. THEY FEAR TO HARM HIM..... LET THEIR KING TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY!



BY THE TIME LAUNCESTON CASTLE IS REACHED, VAL'S BEARD HAS GROWN, AND NO ONE WOULD RECOGNIZE HIM AS THE YOUNG AINSTREL WHO, TWO YEARS AGO, CAUSED SO MUCH MISCHIEF.



VAL IS EXAMINED BY THE KING'S CHAMBERLAIN, WHO IS EASILY CONVINCED THAT HE IS INDEED A WANDERING PALMER. HIS WORDS HAVE THE RING OF TRUTH BECAUSE THEY ARE TRUE.



BUT KING DURWIN IS NOT SATISFIED. "SEND TO THE CLOISTER AND FETCH THE ABBOT. HE HAS BEEN TO THE HOLY LAND AND CAN TELL WHETHER THE STRANGER IS SPY OR PALMER."

NEXT WEEK! - The Test