LI'L ABNER

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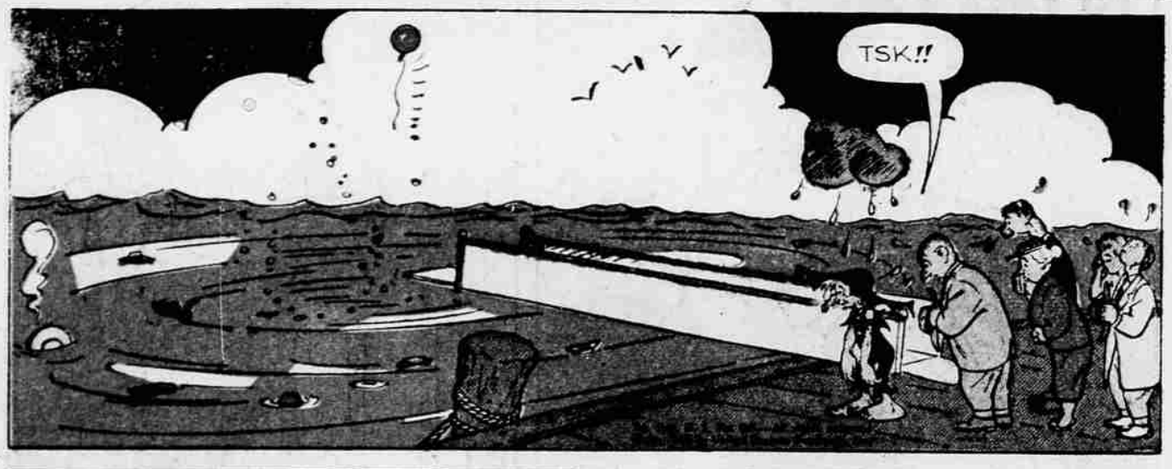

Prince Valiant

IN THE DAYS OF KING ARTHUR

BY HAROLD R FOSTER

Our Story: IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGE-OLD CUSTOM, PRINCE VALIANT AND KING HAP-ATLA EXCHANGE SONS. ON THEIR WAY TO THEIR NEW HOMES THE TWO FOSTER BROTHERS MEET AND LIKE EACH OTHER AT ONCE.

"MY FATHER, PRINCE VALIANT, IS A GREAT WARRIOR AND COMMANDS ARMIES WITH EASE, BUT IF YOU GET MOTHER ON YOUR SIDE, YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR!"

"WHY, IT IS THE SAME AT OUR HOME! MOTHER IS SOFT AND GENTLE, BUT SHE CAN WIND THE KING AROUND HER LITTLE FINGER. BUT BEWARE OF MY SISTER - SHE IS A MONSTER!"

"I HAVE TWIN SISTERS WHO WILL PLAGUE YOU WITHOUT END. MOTHER WILL BE OF NO HELP TO YOU THERE - SHE THINKS THEY ARE CUTE! MY FATHER DOES NOT UNDERSTAND CHILDREN OR WOMEN, AND THE KING IS NOT AS STERN AS HE LOOKS. MAKE UP TO GARM, THE HUNTER. HE'S FUN!"

BY THE TIME THE FOSTER BROTHERS PART, THERE IS LITTLE THEY DON'T KNOW ABOUT THEIR NEW HOMES AND THE FOLKS THEREIN. THEN THEY EXCHANGE GIFTS. ARN PARTS WITH HIS FAVORITE BOW, AND SVEN GIVES HIM HIS SAXEKNIFE AND BELT IN RETURN.

AND SVEN ARRIVES AT VIKINGSHOLM WITH SOME MISGIVINGS. THE TWINS ARE REGARDING HIM WITH GRINS OF DEVILISH GLEE, LIKE TWO SMALL HARPIES WITH A FRESH VICTIM

WHILE ARN IS MEETING HIS FOSTER PARENTS HE SEES THE 'MONSTER', AND SHE IS NOT HIDEOUS AS REPORTED. IN FACT, SHE LOOKS RATHER NICE.

NEXT WEEK - THE "Monster."

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