

LIL' ABNER

Never The Train Shall Meet —

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WORLD'S TWO GREATEST FORTUNES TO COMBINE !!

The wedding tomorrow of beautiful billionaireess Pat Goone to octogenarian financial octopus, General Bullmoose, will result in this couple owning most of the civilized world !! Wall Street says that this love-match will be Bullmoose's greatest financial triumph.



HAPPY COUPLE

MAH DEAR OLE BOSS IS A-GITTIN' MARRIED !!



OH, AH DON'T WANT NOTHIN' T' SPOIL HIS HAPPINESS!! AN'-GULP!!- ONLY ONE THING KIN - NAMELY ME !!



WHILE AH IS ON THIS EARTH, AH MIGHT UN-IN-TENSHUN-ALLY BRING HIM BAD LUCK !!

AH SIMPLY GOTTA GIT OFF TH' EARTH !!



AN' THIS IS MAH CHANCE !!

U.S. MOON ROCKET BASE



?? GASP!!- THAT ROCKET WASN'T SUPPOSED TO TAKE OFF UNTIL TOMORROW !!



MEANWHILE: BULLMOOSE'S MANHATTAN PENTHOUSE - I'M SO NERVOUS!! SOMETHING HORRIBLE HAPPENED TO EACH OF MY LAST NINE BRIDEGROOMS, AT JUST ABOUT THIS POINT !!

CHUCKLE! ENORT!! DON'T WORRY, MY DEAR!!- THIS TIME WE'RE SAFE!!- (EMPLOYEE BTFSPLK IS FIRED!!)



Yes!! FIRED IN A ROCKET!!

?? S-SOMETHIN'S WRONG !!-



-AND SO I PRONOUNCE YOU TWO BELOVED BILLIONAIRES, MAN AND...



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IN JUST A FEW -SOB!!- HAPPY MINUTES, TH' 9:15 WILL SQUASH OUT MAH UNLUCKY LIL' LIFE !!-



Our Story: IT IS THE EVE OF BATTLE AND KING ARTHUR GATHERS HIS KNIGHTS TOGETHER: "THE DANES AND SAXONS HAVE GAINED A Foothold IN SUSSEX AND KENT. DO NOT MOLEST THOSE WHO TILL THE SOIL OR ENGAGE IN PEACEFUL TRADE, BUT DESTROY ALL FORTIFIED TOWNS OR PORTS THAT MIGHT BE AN AID TO INVASION."



IN EVERY HALL AND CORRIDOR IN CAMELOT THERE HAPPENS THAT BREATHLESS MOMENT WHEN GALLANT PEOPLE BID FAREWELL, SOME FOR THE LAST TIME.



"SIR VALIANT! COME MEET MY MOTHER, THE LADY OLIVIA," CRIES EDWIN. "WATCH OVER MY SON, SIR VALIANT. HE IS ALL I HAVE LEFT NOW. SEE THAT HE SERVES HIS KING AS GALLANTLY AS DID HIS FATHER."



NOW EDWIN STAMMERS AND BLUSHES. "FORGIVE MY IMPUDENCE, DEAR MISTRESS ALETA, BUT COULD I CARRY YOUR FAVOR INTO BATTLE WITH ME, THAT ANY DEED I DO MAY BE IN YOUR HONOR?" "I AM HONORED," ANSWERS ALETA, GIVING HIM HER SCARF. "THE SON OF LADY OLIVIA COULD NOT SERVE OTHERWISE THAN BRAVELY."



MOUNTED ON ARYAK, VAL LEADS THE WAY, WHILE BEHIND HIM HIS TWO SQUIRES FILL THE AIR WITH GAY SONG AND LAUGHTER, ELATED BY THEIR FIRST CAMPAIGN.



VAL INSTRUCTS THE TWO LADS IN THE GRIM FACTS OF WAR: "THE RECKLESS YOUNG HERO, TRYING TO WIN A LIFETIME OF GLORY IN ONE DAY, RARELY SURVIVES HIS FIRST BATTLE. BE STUNCHED, STAND ONE TO MY RIGHT, THE OTHER ON THE LEFT, AND DON'T LET SOME WILY VETERAN TRICK YOU INTO LEAVING A GAP IN THE LINE. YOU FIGHT FOR YOUR KING, NOT FOR YOUR OWN RENOWN."

NEXT WEEK-Their First Battle.