

# LI'L ABNER

One Moron's Family

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Our Story: PRINCE VALIANT RIDES SLOWLY AROUND THE OLD WATCH TOWER. HE CAN ESTIMATE HOW MANY SAXON RAIDERS ARE BEHIND THE CRUMBLING WALLS BY THE NUMBER OF THEIR SHIPS ANCHORED IN THE HARBOR BELOW.



THE POSITION IS STRONG, AND SOME OF THE OLDER KNIGHTS ADVISE A SEIGE TO REDUCE THE ENEMY BY STARVATION. THEIR POINT IS WELL TAKEN, BUT IT WILL DEFEAT KING ARTHUR'S PLAN.



TO FEED HIS OWN TROOPS VAL WILL HAVE TO FORAGE AND THUS BRING RUIN TO THE COUNTRYSIDE. THE STARVING SETTLERS WILL THEN HAVE TO RETURN TO BANDITRY TO SURVIVE.



VAL ORDERS SCALING LADDERS MADE AND GIVES THE BATTLE PLANS: "THE NORTH WALL IS THE WEAKEST; THE SAXONS WILL EXPECT ATTACK THERE. SO WE ATTACK THERE... BUT ONCE WE ARE BENEATH THE WALL OUR ARCHERS WILL LOOSE A HAIL OF ARROWS TO KEEP THE SAXONS UNDER COVER. THEN OUR FORCES WILL SPLIT AND RACE AROUND TO THE LIGHTLY DEFENDED EAST AND WEST WALLS!"



FIRST ON THE WALL IS SIR VALIANT, AND ON EITHER SIDE STAUNCH CLAUD AND GALLANT EDWIN, SPLENDID IN THE FULL TIDE OF THEIR YOUTH.



THE SAXON IS CALLED 'BARBARIAN' AND 'SAVAGE', BUT NONE THE LESS HE IS A COURAGEOUS FIGHTING MAN, AND THE BATTLE SWAYS BACK AND FORTH.



DARKNESS COMES AND THE WARRIORS CANNOT TELL FRIEND FROM FOE. VAL CALLS FOR A RETREAT.



THE WOUNDED ARE BROUGHT BACK TO THE CAMP AND VAL SEARCHES IN VAIN FOR YOUNG EDWIN.

NEXT WEEK—Madness.