

LI'L ABNER

Half-witness
for the
Prosecution—

by **AL CAPP**



Prince Valiant
IN THE DAYS OF KING ARTHUR
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Our Story: GUINEVERE, THE FAIREST QUEEN IN CHRISTENDOM, WHOSE BEAUTY MAKES OLD MEN REMEMBER NOBLE DEEDS THEY ONCE PLANNED TO DO AND YOUNG MEN FORGET EVERYTHING BUT HER LOVELINESS. AND THIS QUEEN IS JEALOUS.

JEALOUS OF ALETA! FOR THE SMALL GOLDEN ONE IS EVER THE CENTER OF A GAY THRONG, AND HER IDLE SONGS AND MERRY LAUGHTER CHARM ONE AND ALL.

THE QUEEN INVITES ALL THE LADIES TO HER APARTMENT.... ALL EXCEPT ALETA. IT IS AN UNWRITTEN LAW THAT LADIES OF THE COURT MUST FOLLOW THE QUEEN'S EXAMPLE. ALETA IS TO BE IGNORED BY ALL!

GUINEVERE DISMISSES HER GUESTS AND THEREAFTER THROWS HERSELF DOWN ON A COUCH, MISERABLE, HATING HERSELF. SHE IS NOT MEAN AT HEART, BUT A QUEEN MAY DO AS SHE PLEASURES.... AND SOMETIMES DOES, WITHOUT THINKING.

THERE IS A SUDDEN PATTERN OF FEET, WILD CRIES.... THE CURTAINS ARE FLUNG ASIDE AND TWO FURIES DASH IN, GRAPPLE ANGRILY AND GO DOWN IN WHAT SEEMS TO BE MORTAL COMBAT. "STOR!" CRIES THE QUEEN.

THE BATTLE STOPS, THE WARRIORS RISE. THE STORM HAS PASSED AND THE SUN COMES OUT AS THEY SMILE AT THE QUEEN.

THEN THEY CURTSY GRAVELY, AND WITH SUPREME CONFIDENCE CLIMB ON THE COUCH WITH THE GREAT QUEEN. "NOW TELL US A STORY," THEY DEMAND. "WHAT CAN A CHILDLESS LADY DO WHEN SO ORDERED? SHE BEGINS A STORY."

NEXT WEEK—
'The Order of the Bath.'