

# LI'L ABNER

Rat on a  
Hot Tin  
Roof!! -

by **AL CAPP**

**PSST!!- PAPPY!!- THAR'S SUMP'N' 'BOUT COUSIN SMELVIN AH LIKES !!**

**NATCHERLY!! SMELVIN'S A MAN'S MAN!! ALL US FELLAS LIKES HIM !!**

**PSST!!- THAR'S SUMP'N' 'BOUT CUZZIN SMELVIN, WHICCH, AS A WOOMIN, AH HATES !!**

**ME, TOO!!**

**DESPERATE AN' HUSBIN-STARVED GALS O' DOGPATCH!! MY HONOR, TH' MAYOR, IS SPEAKIN'!!**

**SMELVIN YOKUM IS GONNA PICK ONE O' YO' LUCKY DAWGS- EF YO'LL EXCUZE TH' EXPRESHUN -FO' HIS LAWFUL, WEDDED WIFE!!**

**WHEN AH FIRES -YO' RUN, SMELVIN- AN' GRAB TH' ONE YO' CRAVES !!**

**BANG!!**

**?- WHY IS YO' ALL RUNNIN' AWAY FUM ME ??**

**WE GOT NOTHIN' AGIN' YO, CUZZIN SMELVIN - WE JEST PLAIN HATES YO'!!**

**ANY O' US WOULD MARRY ANYTHING!! ANYTHING BUT YO'!!**

**AH DON'T AIM TO HOOMILIATE YO' ANY MORE THAN YO' IS, CUZZIN SMELVIN - BUT YO' IS TH' FIRST BACHELOR IN HIST'RY WHICH EVER GOT TURNED DOWN BY EVERY DOGPATCH GAL !!**

**THIS IS TH' LAST STRAW!!- WIMMEN HATES ME !!**

**-AN' FUM THIS MINUTE ON - AH HATES WIMMEN!!- AN' AH'LL GIT EVEN WIF 'EM - ALL OF 'EM !!**

**AH HEREBY TAKE A SOLEMN OATH!!- AH'LL MAKE EV'RY WOMAN ON EARTH SUFFER TH' WAY THEY'S MADE ME SUFFER !!-**

**YO' BETTER GO LONG WIF CUZZIN SMELVIN, TINY - AN' SEE THAT HE DON'T DO NOTHIN' RASH !!**

**To Be Continued**

**Prince Valiant**  
IN THE DAYS OF KING ARTHUR  
WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY HAROLD R. FOSTER

**Our Story: CID, THE YOUNG JONGLEUR (PRINCE VALIANT), PRACTICES HIS TRICKS WHILE PLANNING GAWAIN'S RESCUE. FIRST HE MUST GET RID OF THREE GUARDS, NEXT FIND KEYS FOR TWO LOCKED DOORS, THEN FIND SOME WAY TO ESCAPE FROM THE CASTLE.**

**"LISTEN, MY MASTERS, TONIGHT I ENTERTAIN YOU WITH STORIES OF MY TRAVELS WHEN I WAS MAN-AT-ARMS WITH SIR GAWAIN AND PRINCE VALIANT ON OUR WAY TO ROME!"**

**"DULL-WITTED GAWAIN WAS, AS USUAL, FLEEING FROM THE ANGER OF HIS UNCLE, KING ARTHUR, AND HIS SILLY ANTICS KEPT US IN STITCHES! ONCE WE PASSED A VILLA AND HE ESPIED A FAIR MAID."**

**"CRUEL HANDS REACHED OUT AND DRAGGED HER FROM THE WINDOW."**

**"OUNDS!" CRIED GAWAIN. "NO MISCREANT CAN ABUSE FAIR MAID IN MY PRESENCE!"**

**"THE GALLANT KNIGHT WAS MAGNIFICENT AS HE STORMED NOISILY THROUGH THE VILLA."**

**"HE MIGHT HAVE ACHIEVED SOME RENOWN IN THE ANNALS OF CHIVALRY HAD NOT THE FAIR DAMOZEL TURNED OUT TO BE A TAILOR'S DUMMY!"**

**CID TELLS MANY TALES AND TELLS THEM SO WELL THAT THE DINING HALL ROCKS WITH LAUGHTER..... ALL BUT KING OSWICK. IS IT POSSIBLE THAT KING ARTHUR DISLIKES HIS NEPHEW..... AND WOULD NOT PAY RANSOM?**

**THE KING CALLS HIS JONGLEUR TO HIS SIDE. "THINK YOU KING ARTHUR WOULD PAY RANSOM FOR SIR GAWAIN?" CID LAUGHS ALOUD: - "NO, SIRE, HE WOULD BUT HAND THE RANSOM NOTE TO GAWAIN'S TERRIBLE BROTHERS..."**

**".... GAHERIS, AGRVAINE, GARETH AND HIS HALF-BROTHER SIR MORDRED. PROUD AND RUTHLESS, THEY WOULD GATHER THE WARRIORS OF THEIR FATHER, KING LOT OF ORKNEY, AND RESCUE GAWAIN!"**

**"IF I LET SIR GAWAIN GO WILL HE NOT SEEK REVENGE?" MUSES THE WORRIED KING. "AND IF I HAVE HIM STRANGLD WILL HIS BROTHERS FIND OUT? WHAT TO DO?"**

**NEXT WEEK - The Guards and the Keys.**

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