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Prince Valiant — IN THE DAYS OF KING ARTHUR

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Our Story: SIR GAWAIN IS FIRST TO CONGRATULATE THE WOUNDED KERWIN ON HIS VICTORY. BUT IT IS PRINCE VALIANT'S VOICE THAT ANSWERS HIM: *"GUARD THE DOOR UNTIL I CAN CHANGE MY CLOTHES!"*

EVERYONE IS AMAZED THAT KERWIN HAS PREVAILED AGAINST THE TURBULENT COTH, BUT NONE NOTICE THE RESEMBLANCE BETWEEN THE SLENDER LAD AND PRINCE VALIANT.

SO KERWIN IS HONORED AT THE FEAST, PRESENTED WITH THE VICTOR'S LAUREL, GIVEN KNIGHTHOOD AND THE HAND OF LADY ALICE. THE ONLY THING HE REALLY DESERVES IS..... ALICE.

"EVERY TIME I TAKE MY EYE OFF YOU, YOU RUN AWAY AND PLAY THE PART OF A MUSCLE-BOUND CUPID, GETTING LIKELY LADS TIED TO APRON STRINGS BEFORE THEY HAVE A CHANCE TO LOOK OVER OTHER SAMPLES. A WARRIOR'S BUSINESS IS TO MAKE WIDOWS, NOT HUSBANDS!"

THE TOURNAMENT AT HAMLIN GARDE IS OVER. A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF HEARTS AND HEADS HAVE BEEN BROKEN, AND NOW, WITH FULL SADDLEBAGS AND UNDER A SUMMER SKY, THEY ARE AGAIN ON THEIR WAY.

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A FEW DAYS LATER THE SUN IS SHINING, BIRDS ARE SINGING AND SALISBURY PLAIN STRETCHES ITS EMPTINESS TO THE HORIZON. BUT THE SADDLEBAGS ARE EMPTY!

NEXT WEEK - **Feast or Famine.**

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