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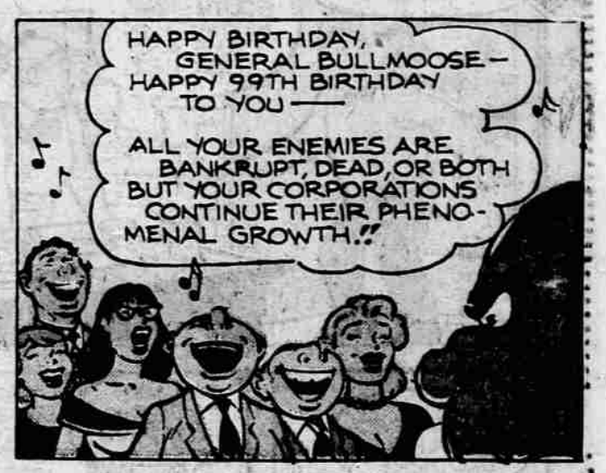

Prince Valiant® IN THE DAYS OF KING ARTHUR

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Our Story: PRINCE VALIANT AND HUGH THE FOX HAVE FALLEN INTO THE HANDS OF THE OUTLAWS THEY WERE SENT TO CRUSH. SUCH HATRED IS SHOWN TOWARD THEM THAT DEATH IS NEAR. ONLY THE MYSTERY OF THE 'SINGING SWORD' HOLDS THEIR CAPTORS IN SUPERSTITIOUS FEAR.

HUGH THE FOX SPEAKS: *"I WAS ONCE THE OUTLAW CHIEFTAIN OF SUCH A BAND AS YOURS. SIR VALIANT SAW OUR CAUSE WAS JUST AND BROUGHT US THE KING'S JUSTICE. NOW WE ARE FREE MEN AND SERVE OUR KING AS SCOUTS."*

"AND HOW ARE WE TO SEEK THE KING'S JUSTICE?", ASKS THEIR CHIEF SCORNFULLY. *"WE KNOW ONLY THE JUSTICE OF THE LORD OF LITHWAY, WHO HUNTS US DOWN FOR SPORT, LIKE WILD BEASTS, IF WE LEAVE THE SAFETY OF THE FOREST."*

"I'LL SHOW YOU OUR MASTER'S JUSTICE." AND THE CHIEF CALLS FORTH A SCORE OF MAIMED AND MUTILATED MEN, AND EACH TELLS OF THE CRIMES HE HAD BEEN ACCUSED OF. SOME ADMITTED TO THEFT OF FOOD, OTHERS HAD PROTESTED THE TAKING OF THEIR LANDS TOO LOUDLY, OTHERS DID NOT KNOW WHY, THEY WERE PUNISHED!

"THE KING SENT ME HERE BECAUSE YOU ARE ACCUSED OF STEALING THE CASKET CONTAINING THE TITHES FROM THIS FIEF," SAYS VAL. *"THE KING'S JUSTICE WILL BE DONE."*
"WE KEEP WATCH ON THE ROADS DAY AND NIGHT FOR OUR OWN SAFETY," ANSWERS THE CHIEF. *"NO CASKET HAS BEEN SENT!"*

"HUGH, I THINK WE SHOULD PAY A VISIT TO THE EARL OF LITHWAY TO SEE ON WHOM THE KING'S WRATH SHOULD FALL."

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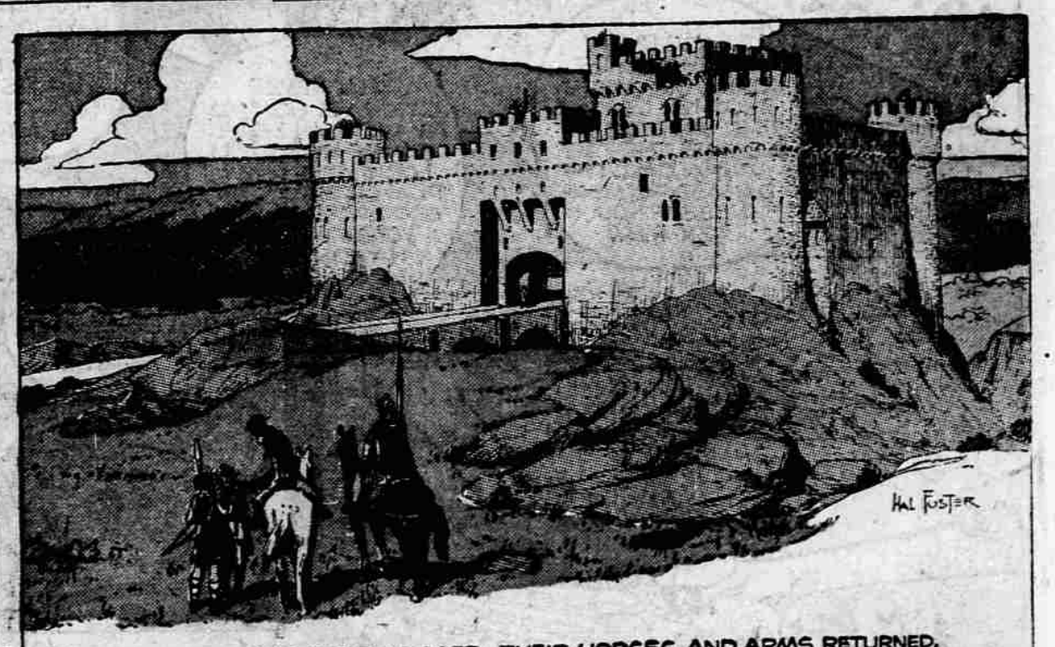

SO VAL AND HUGH ARE RELEASED, THEIR HORSES AND ARMS RETURNED, AND GUIDES ARE PROVIDED TO SHOW THEM THE WAY OUT OF THE WOODS. AT LAST THEY COME TO THE STRONGHOLD OF THE MASTER OF LITHWAY.

NEXT WEEK—**In Lithway Garde.**

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