

LI'L ABNER *He's Only a Bird in a Guilty Rage - by* AL CAPP

HONEST GEORGE GRAFT A CINCH TO BE ELECTED GOVERNOR TOMORROW !! -

TV broadcast by former favorite, Goodbody J. Sweetpants, shocks entire state !!
 "If I'm elected," boasted Sweetpants last night, "I'll steal the State blind !! -"



IT'S HONEST GEORGE GRAFT!!

I DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE, UNTIL YOUR BOSS SUBSTITUTED HIS VOICE FOR SWEETPANTS'S, ON TV!! - I WANT TO MEET THAT RARE LI'L BIRD!!

BASSETT IS THE NAME!!



GREAT SCOTT!! YOU ARE A BIRD!!

NEVER MIND THE SOCIAL CHITCHAT!! I'VE AS GOOD AS MADE YOU GOVERNOR, YOU CORRUPT OLD GAS-BAG!!



SO NOW WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO FOR US?

WHY, SPLIT 50-50, AS I PROMISED!! - AND THERE'LL BE PLENTY TO SPLIT, MY FINE FEATHERED FRIEND!!



I'LL WATER THE KIDS' SCHOOL MILK!! - I'LL REMOVE THE FIRE ESCAPES FROM ALL HOMES FOR THE AGED, AND SELL THE STEEL FOR SCRAP!!

GOOD-GOOD!!



I'LL CHARGE THE STATE FOR 100,000 MARBLE BIRD BATHS - BUT...

BUT WHAT?



I'LL BUILD 'EM OUTA THE CHEAPEST CLAY!! - THEY'LL FALL APART IN A WEEK!!

KILLING HUNDREDS O' INNOCENT LI'L BIRDS, HUH?



NATURALLY!! - AND THEN I SELL THE DEAD BIRDS TO THE STATE ORPHANAGES -



ONLY I CHARGE 'EM - FOR SQUAB DINNERS!!

(-MY LI'L GREEN SON EGGBERT WILL GROW UP IN A STATE GOVERNED BY HIM!! -)

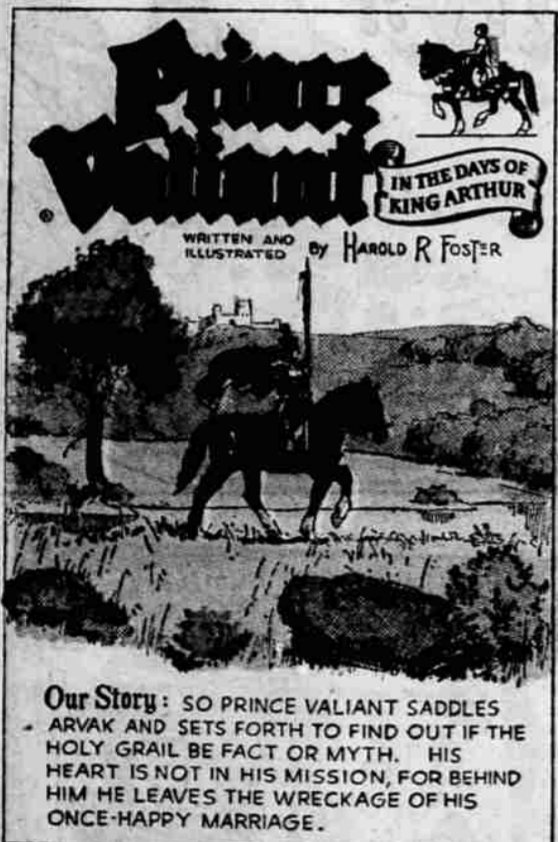


(-HE MIGHT BE ONE OF THOSE INNOCENT, LI'L BIRDS, KILLED BY THOSE CRUMBLING BIRD BATHS!! -)



(-AND SOMEBODY ELSE'S FATHERLESS SON MIGHT EAT M-MINE!! -)

DOES BASSETT HAVE A CONSCIENCE? IS IT TOO LATE? *AL CAPP*



Prince Valiant
 IN THE DAYS OF KING ARTHUR
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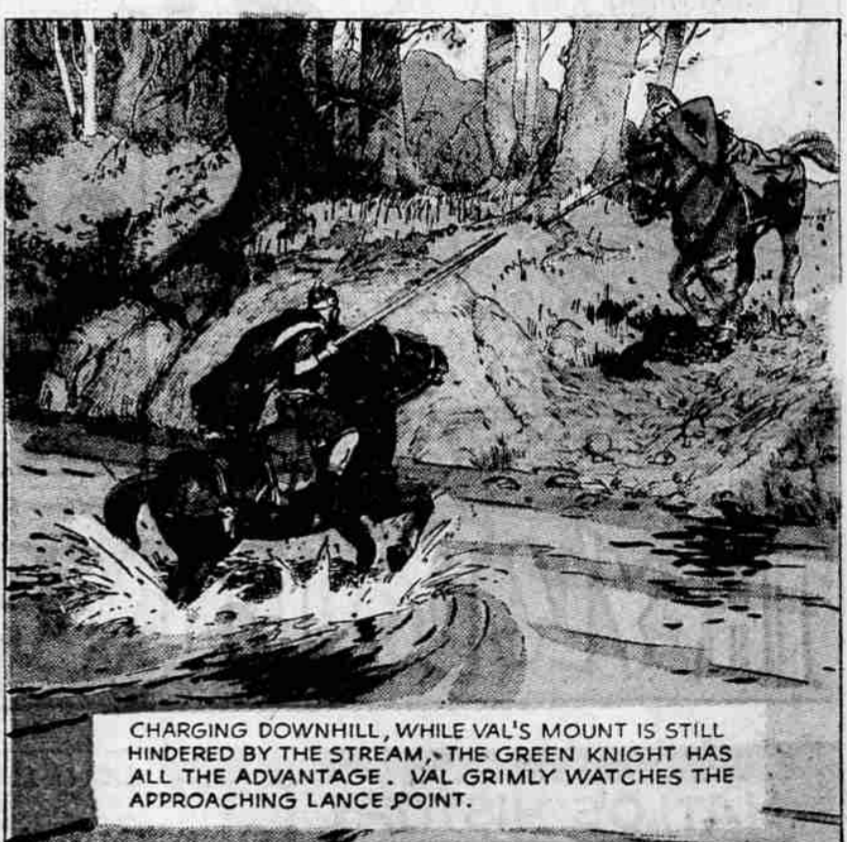
Our Story: SO PRINCE VALIANT SADDLES ARVAK AND SETS FORTH TO FIND OUT IF THE HOLY GRAIL BE FACT OR MYTH. HIS HEART IS NOT IN HIS MISSION, FOR BEHIND HIM HE LEAVES THE WRECKAGE OF HIS ONCE-HAPPY MARRIAGE.



WHILE CROSSING A FORD A TALL KNIGHT ALL IN GREEN STANDS ON THE FAR BANK. "ALL WHO USE THIS FORD MUST JOUST WITH ME OR YIELD THEIR GEAR," HE CALLS. "I AM ON THE KING'S BUSINESS, HINDER ME AT YOUR PERIL," ANSWERS VAL.



"THE KING'S BUSINESS CAN WAIT, COWARD," AND THE GREEN KNIGHT SETS SPURS TO HIS MOUNT AND CHARGES.



CHARGING DOWNHILL, WHILE VAL'S MOUNT IS STILL HINDERED BY THE STREAM, THE GREEN KNIGHT HAS ALL THE ADVANTAGE. VAL GRIMLY WATCHES THE APPROACHING LANCE POINT.



VAL USES A VERY SIMPLE TRICK. KNOCKING ASIDE HIS ADVERSARY'S LANCE WITH HIS OWN, HE CLUBS HIM WITH THE SIDE. THERE IS A SATISFYING SPLASH.



VAL DOES NOT COLLECT THE SPOILS OF WAR; HE NEVER EVEN GLANCES BACK. THE GREEN KNIGHT IS LEFT, MUTTERING, HIS ARDOR COOLED.



AT LAST VAL FINDS THE OLD ROMAN ROAD AND IT LEADS HIM STRAIGHT TO OLD SARUM.



CROSSING THE BRIDGE OVER THE MIGHTY DITCH, HE ENTERS THE RUIN THAT WAS ONCE A PROUD CITY. HERE HIS SEARCH BEGINS.
 NEXT WEEK - The Pagan Priestess.