

LIL ABNER *Life With Feathers* - by AL CAPP

Panel 1 (Top Left): A man in a suit sits in a chair while a woman and a man stand by. The man in the suit says, "DUE TO YOUR EFFORTS, BASSETT, I WILL BE ELECTED GOVERNOR, TOMORROW!! - WE'LL - CHUCKLE!! - ROB THE STATE BLIND!! -". The woman says, "(-BLIND!! THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN!!-)". The man in the suit says, "(-MY LITTLE GREEN SON, EGGBERT, WILL GROW TO MANHOOD - I MEAN BIRDHOOD, IN A STATE GOVERNED BY - UGH!! - HIM!!-)".

Panel 2 (Top Middle): A man with a bird-like head says, "GANG!! LET'S CELEBRATE OUR APPROACHING VICTORY!!". A man in a suit says, "GREAT!! WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS?".

Panel 3 (Top Right): A man in a suit says, "T-SK!! - NEVER ASK BASSETT WHAT HIS PLANS IS!! - JUST DO WHAT HE SAYS!! - BASSETT IS ALL BRAIN!!".

Panel 4 (Second Row, Left): A man says, "TRUE!! - CHUCKLE!! - AH!! - HE'S A RARE LIL BIRD!!". A man with a bird-like head says, "PILE IN, PALS!!".

Panel 5 (Second Row, Middle): A man in a car says, "TAKE THE CLIFF ROAD!!". A man with a bird-like head says, "??-B-BUT IT'S RAINING - AND F-FOGGY!!". A man in a car says, "SIT BACK!! RELAX!! TRUST BASSETT!!".

Panel 6 (Second Row, Right): A man says, "I CAN'T SEE NUTTIN' AHEAD, BOSS - WHAT'LL I DO?". A man with a bird-like head says, "KEEP GOING STRAIGHT AHEAD - AND DOUBLE THE SPEED!! -".

Panel 7 (Third Row, Left): A man with a bird-like head says, "YOU FORGET - I'M A BIRD!!". A large "CRASH!!" sound effect is shown.

Panel 8 (Third Row, Middle): A man with a bird-like head says, "BASSETT!!". A man with a bird-like head says, "I'M CRAWLING TO YOU, PURITA - ON MY WINGS AND KNEES!!".

Panel 9 (Third Row, Right): A man with a bird-like head says, "I WAS BLINDED BY VISIONS OF CROOKED POLITICAL POWER - BUT, NOW MY EYES ARE OPEN!!". A man with a bird-like head says, "HMPF!! - WIDE OPEN - STARING AT THOSE TWO SHAPELY PIGEONS!!".

Panel 10 (Bottom Row, Left): A man with a bird-like head says, "OH, BASSETT - I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHETHER THERE'S MORE GOOD IN YOU - OR MORE BAD!!". A man with a bird-like head says, "SOME OF BOTH, MY LITTLE CHICKADEE!! I'M HUMAN - THE SAME AS ANY OTHER PARROT!!".

Prince Valiant

IN THE DAYS OF KING ARTHUR
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Our Story: THE OLD SARUM INTO WHICH PRINCE VALIANT RIDES, THOUGH IN RUINS, IS STILL A GREAT TRADING CENTER. FOUR ROADS CONVERGE HERE BRINGING GOODS, GOSSIP AND NEWS FROM THE FAR PLACES OF THE LAND.

VAL'S QUEST IS NOT TO FIND THE HOLY GRAIL BUT TO SEEK INFORMATION ABOUT ITS ACTUAL EXISTENCE. IN THE MARKET PLACE HE IS DIRECTED TO THE HISTORIAN OF THE CITY'S ARCHIVES.

"MANY TALES ARE TOLD OF THE CHALICE YOU CALL THE 'HOLY GRAIL', BUT THEY ARE ONLY HEARSAY", ANSWERS THE OLD HISTORIAN, "FOR WHEN THE ROMANS WITHDREW FROM BRITAIN THEY TOOK THEIR RECORDS WITH THEM. BUT I KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT HELP YOU!"

"TO THE NORTH LIES STONEHENGE, AND NEARBY IN SOME SECRET PLACE LIVES AN ANCIENT PEOPLE WHO CAME TO BRITAIN IN THE DAWN OF TIME. THEY WILL REMEMBER THE COMING OF THE CHRISTIANS AS IF IT WERE BUT YESTERDAY."

FOR TWO FULL DAYS VAL RIDES SLOWLY AROUND THE MONSTROUS TEMPLE. WELL HE REMEMBERS THIS WEIRD PLACE. HERE HE MET THE STRANGE PRIESTESS WHO HELPED HIM WIN HIS HORSE, ARVAK.

AT NIGHT HE KEEPS HIS CAMPFIRE BURNING BRIGHT TO BE SEEN ACROSS THE WIDE EXPANSE OF SALISBURY PLAIN.

ON THE THIRD DAY OF HIS VIGIL A VOICE ASKS, "WHAT DO YOU SEEK HERE?" AND THE PRIESTESS STEPS FROM BEHIND A PILLAR.

NEXT WEEK - The Old One.