

LIL' ABNER

Beautiful Isle of Nowhere — by **AL CAPP**

IF THE FIVE LEADING NATIONS DO NOT RECONCILE THEIR DIFFERENCES THE EARTH WILL BE BLOWN UP!!

AND IF THE EARTH IS BLOWN UP — WHO SUFFERS MOST? ME?

BECAUSE I OWN MOST OF IT!! CABLE THE LEADING STATESMEN OF THE 5 LEADING NATIONS!!

TELL 'EM TO BE HERE — ABOARD MY YACHT — AT 10 SHARP, TONIGHT!! — AND THEY'D BETTER BE!!

-IF THEY KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR 'EM!! — I'M THE BIGGEST TAXPAYER IN ALL 5 COUNTRIES!!

THAT NIGHT

BOYS!! — I'M SHIPPING YOU OUT TO A LITTLE ISLAND I HAPPEN TO OWN!!

MADAGASCAR?

ENGLAND?

AUSTRALIA?

NO — IT'S ONE OF MY SMALLER ONES. TOTALLY UNINHABITED!! — I'LL COME BACK FOR YOU IN 30 DAYS!!

-AND YOU'D BETTER HAVE THE FORMULA FOR WORLD PEACE — GET IT?

YOU STAY THERE AND TAKE CARE OF 'EM, LIL' ABNER!!

IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO ASSO-SHE-ATE WIF TH' BOYS WHO IS GONNA WORK OUT WORLD PEACE!!

THIRTY DAYS LATER —

AS SOON AS THE SUN RISES, YOU'LL SEE THE ISLAND, SIR —

IT'S GONE!! ALL THAT'S LEFT IS A LITTLE WISP OF SMOKE!!

AN' ME, SUH!!

WHAT HAPPENED? ABNER'S STORY, NEXT WEEK!! *AL CAPP*

Prince Valiant

IN THE DAYS OF KING ARTHUR

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Our Story: OCH LEADS PRINCE VALIANT BY DEVIANT PATHS AROUND THE GREAT MARSH THAT WAS HIS HOME BEFORE HE WAS MADE A SLAVE. IN ITS CENTER STAND THE THREE HILLS OF AVALON: THE MOUND OF GLASTONBURY, THE WEARYALL HILL AND THE GREAT TOR.

THEY COME TO A ROADWAY THAT SEEMS TO END AT THE WATER'S EDGE. OCH SPLASHES IN: "FOLLOW ME CLOSELY, SIR VALIANT, THE ROAD IS BUILT JUST BENEATH THE SURFACE OF THE WATER."

"THE ROAD HAS MANY TWISTS AND TURNS, AND A STRANGER MAY WELL FALL INTO THE MORASS. IT WAS SO PLANNED TO PROTECT THE TOWN FROM RAIDERS."

VAL FOLLOWS HIS MISSHAPEN GUIDE UP THE BUSY STREET OF GLASTONBURY. ARTISANS WORK AT MANY CRAFTS, FOR HERE THEY FEEL SECURE FROM THE TERRIBLE SEA RAIDERS.

A FRIAR GUIDES THEM TO WEARYALL HILL AND POINTS WITH PRIDE AT A CRUMBLING MUD AND WATTLE BUILDING. "THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH NORTH OF ROME!" HE ANNOUNCES, "BUILT BY THE DISCIPLE 'JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA' FOUR CENTURIES AGO."

"WE PLAN TO ENCLOSE IT IN A GREAT CATHEDRAL TO PRESERVE IT FOR ALL TIME. A CLOISTER WILL HOUSE THE MANY HERMITS WHO NOW LIVE IN HOVELS ABOUT THE TOR. ROME ALREADY HAS SENT A PRIOR TO CARRY ON THE WORK."

HAL FOSTER

HERE IN AVALON AND FROM THIS ANCIENT CHURCH CHRISTIANITY IS SLOWLY SPREADING OVER THE NORTHERN LANDS. WHERE ELSE COULD VAL SO READILY FIND THE TRUTH ABOUT THE HOLY GRAIL? THEN HE MEETS THE PRIOR AND FAILURE!

NEXT WEEK — A Curtain is drawn.