

Prince Valiant
IN THE DAYS OF KING ARTHUR
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Our Story: THE PEACE AND PROSPERITY QUEEN ALETA HAS BROUGHT TO HER KINGDOM THREATENS TO END IN CRUEL INVASION AND PILLAGE. HER ADVISORS TELL HER THERE IS NO TIME TO BUILD A FLEET AND TRAIN ITS SAILORS.

AN ARMY CAN BE RECRUITED, BUT ARMS MUST BE PURCHASED AND SHIPPED FROM DISTANT RHODES. "WHO OFFERS THE MOST IMMEDIATE THREAT TO OUR REALM?" ASKS ALETA.

"THRASOS, OUR NEIGHBOR TO THE WEST," ANSWERS VAL. "AN UNPISH GRIN LIGHTS UP HER FACE. "INVITE THE NICE MAN TO VISIT US; TELL HIM WE SEEK HIS AID."

AND THRASOS COMES GLADLY, FOR HE DESIRES TO FEAST HIS EYES ON THE RICHES THAT ARE TO BE HIS. HE STRIDES INTO THE PALACE WITH THE ARROGANCE OF A CONQUEROR.

VAL LOOKS AT HIS WIFE IN AMAZEMENT. SHE LOOKS UP AT THE COARSE FACE OF THRASOS WITH ADORING EYES, BLUSHES... AND GIGGLES! NEVER HAS HE SEEN HER LOOK PRETTIER... OR MORE HELPLESS.

FINALLY SHE GETS DOWN TO BUSINESS. "I HEAR YOU ARE A GENIUS AT WARFARE. OF THESE THINGS I KNOW NOTHING. WILL YOU SUPPLY US WITH MASONS AND BUILDERS THAT I MAY FORTIFY MY POOR, DEAR LAND?"

"GLADLY WILL I HELP MY FAIR NEIGHBOR. A HUNDRED MASONS AND THREE HUNDRED HELPERS WILL COME WITHIN A MONTH."

FOR THRASOS HAS HEARD OF THE TROJAN HORSE. "THOSE HELPERS I PROMISED WILL BE CHOSEN FROM MY BEST SOLDIERS, AND THEY WILL BE WITHIN THE WALLS WHEN THE TIME COMES."

NEXT WEEK—The Trojan Jackass

LI'L ABNER

Nobody's Sweetheart—by **AL CAPP**

SENATOR JACK S. PHOGBOUND (GOOD OLD JACK S.) HAS BALANCED THE BUDGET BY REFUSING ALL FURTHER MONEY TO "PROJECT M." IN THE FIRST HOUR AFTER "PROJECT M." IS ABANDONED—A BILLION DOLLARS IN PROPERTY IS DESTROYED!!

GASP!!—SO THAT'S WHAT "PROJECT M." WAS!!—AN EXPERIMENT IN CROSS-BREEDING VARIOUS TYPES OF ANIMALS!!

WHAT'S THAT ONE?

—A COMBINATION OF 'HIPPO AND FIELD-MOUSE—**A HIPPOPOTAMOUSE!!**

—AND WATCH OUT FOR THE **CROCKROACH**—A COMBINATION OF ROACH AND CROCODILE!!

HALP!!—HERE COME THE HAM-HAWKS!!—FLYING PIGS!!

—AND THE **KANGAROOSTER!!**

THE **RABBILION** IS LOOSE!!

—AND THE **RHINOSOFLEA!!**

24 HOURS LATER—

ARMY, MARINES, D.A.R., AND BOY SCOUTS COMBINE TO CATCH ALL 'PROJECT M.'ers, EXCEPT ONE!!

President orders search continued until last and most dangerous "Project M'er is nabbed—the Skunkaphant!!

Voting In Calif N.Y. S

IF ONLY IT—SOB!!—WERE!!—BUT, IT'S QUITE THE CONTRARY!! IT'S AN ELEPHANT THAT SMELLS LIKE A SKUNK!!

WELL, HE OUGHT TO BE HARMLESS—A SKUNK THAT SMELLS LIKE AN ELEPHANT!!

IT'S A COMBINATION OF SKUNK AND ELEPHANT!!

??—JUST WHAT IS A SKUNKAPHANT?

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