

LI'L ABNER

Man Who Came
To Dinner!!—

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Our Story: ETHWALD IS CONVINCED THAT HE HAS BEEN POISONED, AND WITH GOOD REASON; FOR THE POTION ALETA HAD CONCOCTED FOR HIM WILL GUARANTEE HIM CRAMPS FOR SOME TIME.



BUT SHE HAS GRACIOUSLY CONSENTED TO MIX AN ANTIDOTE, WHICH IS WORSE. RANCID FISH OIL, SALT, GALL, MUSTARD AND HONEY ARE AMONG THE INGREDIENTS. AFTER A GENEROUS DOSE OF THIS 'CURE' HE LEAVES THE CABIN...



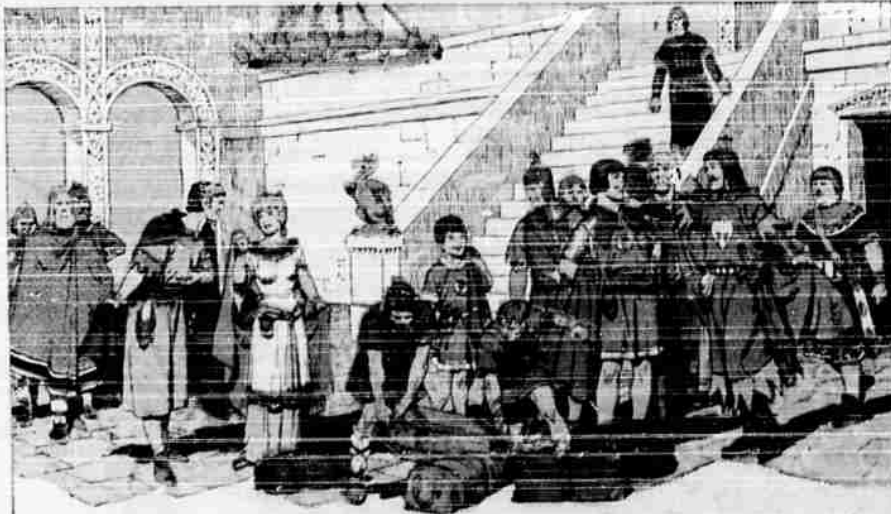
... WHILE LEANING OVER THE RAIL ETHWALD DISCOVERS THAT THE SHIP'S BOATS ARE TOWING THE VESSEL OUT OF THE COVE TO THE OPEN SEA.



HE ACCUSES ALETA OF TREACHERY! NOW, THIS IS THE WRONG THING TO SAY TO A MOTHER WHOSE SON HE HAS HELD FOR RANSOM. PRINCE VALIANT, A MARRIED MAN OF SOME EXPERIENCE, MAKES AN EFFORT TO SAVE HIM, BUT TOO LATE!



AN HOUR PASSES DURING WHICH POOR ETHWALD LEARNS ALL ABOUT THE FLAWS IN HIS CHARACTER AND MANY MORE HE DID NOT EVEN SUSPECT. HE ALSO LEARNS THAT HE IS BEING TAKEN TO CAMELOT AND THE KING'S JUSTICE.



ONCE AGAIN PRINCE VALIANT RETURNS TO CAMELOT A HERO, A QUEST WELL DONE. THE AWFUL PILGRIMAGE IS OVER, THE TREASURE FOR THE ABBEY DELIVERED SAFELY.



NOW ALETA HAS WORK TO DO. THIS SMUG AND POMPOUS HERO MUST BE REDUCED TO THE MODEST, ATTENTIVE HUSBAND SHE LOVES SO WELL.

NEXT WEEK—War Clouds