

LIL' ABNER

Crate Expectations—by **AL CAPP**

Chickengumbo, First Lady of Crumbumbo and her husband, President Rumbumbo, are having a little argument about money—like any married couple—

YOU SPENT THAT TWO BILLION U.S. LOAN ON A WEAPON?

NOT JUST "A" WEAPON, DEAR!! "THE" WEAPON!!

BUT, THEY GAVE US THAT TO REHABILITATE OURSELVES!! DO YOU REALIZE HOW MANY MINK COATS, YACHTS, AND LIMOUSINES---

—I COULD HAVE REHABILITATED MYSELF WITH—WITH TWO BILLION DOLLARS?

BUT, DEAR, NOW WE'VE GOT THIS—NOBODY HAS TO LEND US MONEY ANY MORE—

WE CAN TAKE IT FROM 'EM!!

IS IT THAT DEADLY?

CHUCKLE!! JUST LOOK!!

GASP!!

Y-YOU WOULDN'T ACTUALLY USE THAT ON ANYONE, W-WOULD YOU?

I HOPE I NEVER HAVE TO, BUT IT'S NICE KNOWING I—CHUCKLE!—COULD!!

MEANWHILE—BACK AT THE PENTAGON

IT'S 3 A.M., GENERAL!!

I CAN'T SLEEP—I KEEP WONDERING WHAT THE "ULTIMATE" WEAPON IS!!

I ASKED THE INVENTOR, MICKEY LOONEY, TO EXPLAIN IT TO THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF—BUT, EVERY TIME HE BEGAN TO—

—HE FAINTED AT THE VERY THOUGHT OF IT!!

DID YOU ASK BULLMOOSE? HE SOLD IT TO CRUMBUMBO!!

WE DID!! BUT HE DOESN'T KNOW!! ALL HE DOES IS BUY THINGS LOW AND SELL 'EM HIGH!!

WE MUST LEARN WHAT IT IS!! WE MUST!!

Prince Valiant

IN THE DAYS OF KING ARTHUR

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Our Story: PRINCE VALIANT GLANCES BACK INTO THE MEETING ROOM, NO ROUND TABLE KNIGHTS ARE PRESENT, ONLY EAGER YOUTHS EASILY SWAYED BY MODRED'S CLEVERNESS.

SIR MODRED ENDS THE MEETING, HE HAD SOWN THE SEEDS OF DISCONTENT, BUT VAL'S SIMPLE, HONEST WORDS HAVE LINDONE ALL HIS EFFORTS.

ONLY THE LOTHIAN CLAN REMAINS--THE FOUR SONS OF KING LOT: GAWAIN, GARETH, GEHERIS, AGRVAINE; AND THEIR HALF-BROTHER, MODRED. AND MODRED, CLEVER, RUTHLESS AND AMBITIOUS, DOMINATES THE OTHERS.

"AS LONG AS LAUNCELOT STANDS AT ARTHUR'S RIGHT HAND THE KING'S POWER IS UNBREAKABLE. INSTEAD OF THE WEALTH AND POWER THAT IS OUR RIGHT, WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE KING'S JACKEYS WITH A DAILY PORTION OF PIETY AND GOODNESS, LIKE OBEDIENT SCHOOLBOYS."

"IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT GUINIVERE LOVES SIR LAUNCELOT. IF WE CAN AROUSE HER JEALOUSY, IT MIGHT CAUSE A RIOT. AND IF WE CAN USE PRINCE VALIANT'S WIFE IN RUMORS OF THE SCANDAL.....!"

"NO!" THUNDERS GAWAIN, "VAL IS MY GOOD FRIEND. HURT HIM AT YOUR PERIL!" AND HE STOMPS OUT.

HE VISITS VAL BUT SITS IN WORRIED SILENCE, TORN BETWEEN STAUNCH LOYALTY TO HIS CLAN AND HIS LOVE FOR VAL AND ALETA.

NEXT WEEK: Divided Loyalties