LI'L ABNER — Pentagon With the Wind — by AL CAPP

Prince Valiant — In the Days of King Arthur

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Our Story: PRINCE VALIANT AND HIS FAMILY HAVE A PRIVATE DINNER WITH THE KING AND QUEEN. THEY LINGER OVER THEIR WINE, BUT THE TWINS ARE EXCUSED AND SCAMPER OUT IN THE GROWING DUSK TO FIND SOME ENTERTAINING MISCHIEF.

THEY MEET GAHARIS AND HE TELLS THEM OF THE MANY STRANGE AND INTERESTING THINGS HE HAS IN HIS ROOM. THEY BEG HIM TO SHOW THEM.

ALETA, SEARCHING FOR HER ENERGETIC DAUGHTERS, MEETS GARETH. *"YES, I SAW THEM, THEY WERE HEADED FOR THE QUEEN'S GARDEN,"* HE STAMMERS, FOR HIS HEART IS NOT IN THIS PLOT.

AGRAVAINE SEEKS OUT SIR LAUNCELOT. *"THE FAIR ALETA IS HAVING HER TROUBLES WITH THE TWINS,"* HE LAUGHS. *"THEY ARE LOST IN THE QUEEN'S GARDEN AND SHE MUST FIND THEM BEFORE THEY CATCH COLD."*

"WILL YOU JOIN ME IN THE SEARCH?" ASKS LAUNCELOT. *"OH, NO,"* ANSWERS AGRAVAINE, *"THE QUEEN IS DISPLEASED WITH ME AND WOULD NOT LIKE ME TO ENTER HER PRIVATE GARDEN."*

MODRED APPEARS FROM THE DEEPENING SHADOWS AND SLYLY TURNS THE KEY.

LAUNCELOT MEETS ALETA AT THE PAVILION. *"I CANNOT FIND THEM, THOUGH I HAVE SEARCHED EVERYWHERE,"* SHE COMPLAINS. *"THEY ARE NOT HERE."*

ON RETURNING THEY FIND THE DOOR LOCKED. EVEN LAUNCELOT'S GREAT STRENGTH CANNOT BUDGE IT.

NEXT WEEK – The Scandal