

LIL' ABNER

The Marriage Breaker —

by AL CAPP

PEST!!— AH LIKES YO' STRANGER!! AH'LL HELP YO' GIT OUTA MARRYYIN' SWINEY-BELLE!! AH'LL SHOOT YO' THROUGH TH' HAID!!

AH REELIZES THAR'S ONLY KINDNESS IN YORE OFFER—

— BUT, DISREGARDIN' ALL TH' UGH!!— REST O' SWINEY-BELLE, HER-SIGH!! KNEES GOT TH' EXPRESHUN AH LOVES!!

HERE AH IS!! AH TOOK THET @!! @!! BATH!!

GULP!!

TH' EXPRESHUN WASHED OFF!! GOO'BYE!!

LATER—A BEACH—

THIS IS A GOLD MINE O' KNEES!!— MEBBE AH'LL FIND TH' KNEES AH LOVES!!

IT'S THE WORLD'S FIRST BATHING SUIT WEDDING!!

NATURALLY!! THE TWO GREATEST LIFEGUARDS IN THE WORLD ARE GETTING MARRIED!!

OH!!— SOB!!

WHY ARE YOU CRYING AT MY WEDDING, BUDDY? I'M HAPPY!! I'M MARRYYIN' THE FINEST LITTLE GIRL IN ALL THE WORLD!!

THASS WHUT YO' THINKS, YO PORE, IGGORANT SAPP!! OH, SHE GOT A INNERCENT FACE, AWRIGHT— BUT, HER KNEES GIVES HER AWAY!!

A GAL KIN CHANGE TH' EXPRESHUN ON HER FACE— BUT NEVER ON HER KNEES!! YO' KIN TRUST KNEES KNEES DON'T LIE!!

HER FACE LOOKS SWEET— BUT, TH' EXPRESHUN ON HER KNEES IS SNEAKY!!

YOU'RE RIGHT!! IT IS!!

THE WEDDING IS OFF!!

MORE FOLKS OUGHTA CONSULT A KNEE-MAN, BEFO' THEY GITTS MARRIED!!

TO BE CONTINUED!

Prince Valiant
IN THE DAYS OF KING ARTHUR
WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY HAROLD KENNEDY

Our Story: PRINCE ARN STANDS UP BOLDLY BEFORE THE SEARCHERS REACH HIM. "MAY THE GODDESS OF LUCK GRANT ME A GLIB TONGUE, THAT I MAY LIE CONVINCINGLY," HE PRAYS. THEN HE WALKS CALMLY TOWARD THE SAXON CAMP.

"TAKE ME TO YOUR CHIEFTAIN," HE COMMANDS. "IT WILL BE LESS WORK IF WE TAKE ONLY YOUR HEAD," ANSWERS A BARBARIAN, DRAWING HIS SWORD. "HARM ME AND YOU ANSWER TO MY FATHER, BOLTAR, THE SEA KING!"

ARN IS TAKEN TO THEIR CHIEFTAIN, FOR EVEN AMONG THE SAXONS THE NAME OF BOLTAR IS KNOWN, AND THE DEEDS OF THE VIKING WITH THE FLAMING BEARD ARE TOLD IN SONG AND STORY.... AND PRINCE ARN'S HAIR IS RED. "I HAVE HEARD IT TOLD THAT BOLTAR HAS A SON," REMARKS THE CHIEF. "SO YOU ARE BOLTARSON. WHY ARE YOU HERE?"

"I WAS SENT TO CAMELOT AS HOSTAGE AND TO LEARN THE WAYS OF THE BRITONS. IT IS NOT FOR ME, I CHOSE THIS WAY TO ESCAPE, THE SOONER TO JOIN MY FATHER'S SHIP AND LEARN THE WAYS OF FIGHTING MEN."

OWEN IS NOW A WARRIOR, FOR HE HAS KILLED AN ENEMY AND ESCAPED, BUT IN DOING SO HE ABANDONED HIS FRIEND ARN AND HIS MISSION.

HE REPORTS ARN CAPTURED BY THE SAXONS AND PRESUMED DEAD. HE DOES NOT TELL OF THE HOT-HEADED DEED THAT DEFEATED THE MISSION.

AS THE ONLY MESSENGER LEFT, OWEN IS SENT TO CAMELOT WITH THE LATEST REPORTS. HE ALSO MUST FACE ARN'S PARENTS, AND REPROACHES HIMSELF BITTERLY FOR HIS WILLFULNESS.

NEXT WEEK—A Painful Duty