

TWO DUELLING KNIGHTS GO TO MEET EACH OTHER BY ROWING BOAT!

# ARTHUR

## PENDRAGON OF THE BRITONS

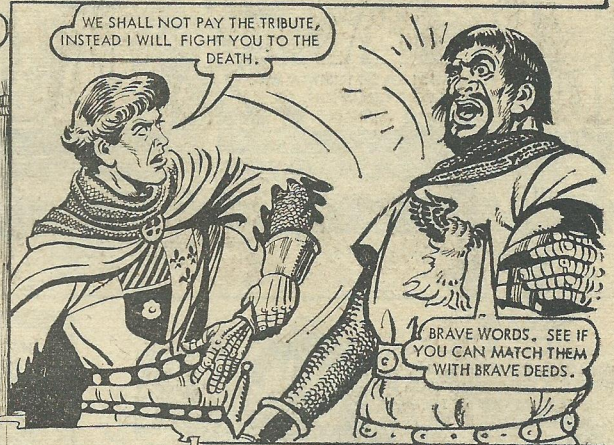
ONE of the noblest knights at the court of Arthur, Pendragon or King of Ancient Britain, was Sir Tristram. Before he joined the noble company, he lived with his uncle, King Mark of Cornwall. There was great enmity between Cornwall and Ireland and one day Sir Marhault, an Irish knight, came to King Mark's castle at Tintagel.



THUS SPEAKS MY MASTER, KING GURMAN OF IRELAND. SEND THIRTY YOUTHS OF NOBLE BIRTH TO HIM AS TRIBUTE OR CHOOSE A CHAMPION WHO CAN SLAY ME IN SINGLE COMBAT.

IT WOULD BE A DISGRACE TO PAY THIS TRIBUTE TO IRELAND, UNCLE.

WE MUST, NEPHEW. NO CHAMPION CAN STAND AGAINST SIR MARHAULT.



WE SHALL NOT PAY THE TRIBUTE, INSTEAD I WILL FIGHT YOU TO THE DEATH.

BRAVE WORDS. SEE IF YOU CAN MATCH THEM WITH BRAVE DEEDS.

The fight was to be with swords only, on an island off the Cornish coast.



The fight raged fiercely for several hours.



WHY DO YOU PUSH AWAY YOUR BOAT? YOU WILL NEED IT TO ESCAPE MY FURY.

ONLY ONE OF US WILL LEAVE THIS ISLAND ALIVE. YOUR BOAT WILL SUFFICE.



Then Tristram slipped.

THAT IS A WOUND FROM WHICH YOU CANNOT RECOVER, FOR MY BLADE BEARS POISON.



Tristram's reply was immediate—and final.

THUS DO I REPAY YOUR TREACHEROUS CUNNING.



King Mark's doctor could not heal Tristram's wound.

ONLY IN IRELAND WILL YOU FIND A BALM TO HEAL THIS POISONED WOUND.

BUT HOW CAN I GO TO KING GURMAN'S COURT WHEN I HAVE JUST SLAIN HIS CHAMPION?

PERHAPS YOU CAN BRING AN END TO THE BITTERNESS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.