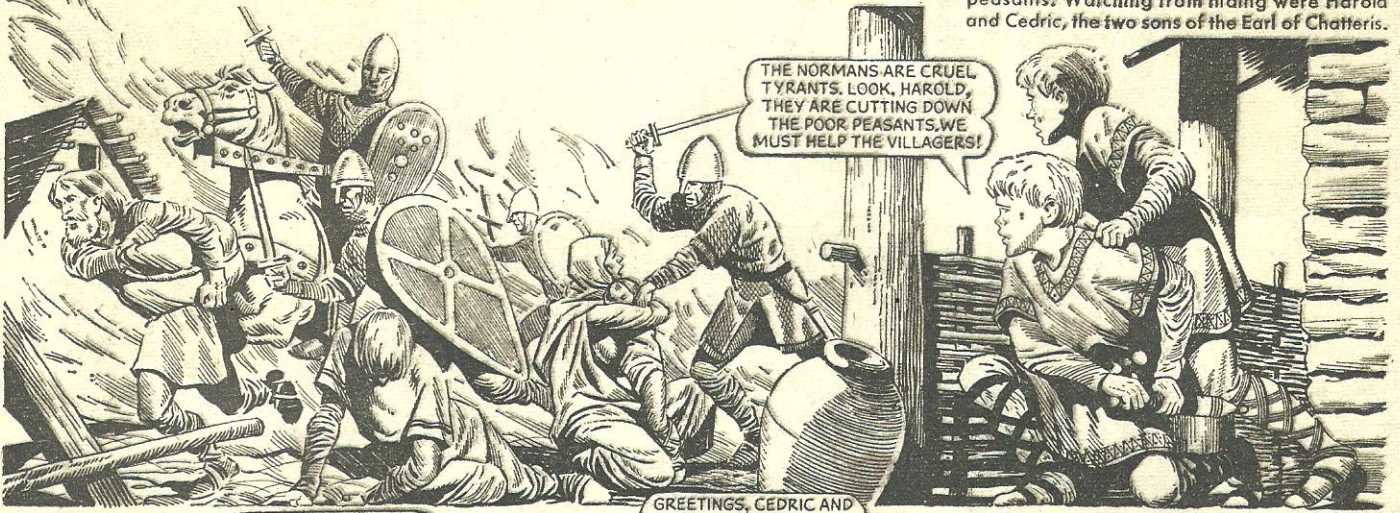


Starts Today — Story of boy warriors at England's most unusual school!

# THE SCHOOL in the FENS!

In the grim days after the Battle of Hastings in 1066, the Norman invaders rode roughshod over the Saxons, looting and pillaging. In a village in the Fen country of England, a group of Norman cavalry were terrorising the peasants. Watching from hiding were Harold and Cedric, the two sons of the Earl of Chatteris.



THE NORMANS ARE CRUEL TYRANTS. LOOK, HAROLD, THEY ARE CUTTING DOWN THE POOR PEASANTS. WE MUST HELP THE VILLAGERS!



STOP, CEDRIC! THERE ARE TOO MANY SOLDIERS! REMEMBER WE'VE COME TO SEEK MURT, THE OLD SOLDIER WHO SERVES MY FATHER!



GREETINGS, CEDRIC AND HAROLD. NOW TELL ME WHAT HAS HAPPENED—I HEARD YOUR FATHER HAD BEEN THROWN INTO HIS OWN DUNGEON BY THE INVADERS!

WHY, IT'S MURT!



Harold explained that his father had got his boys away to safety before his own capture.

...SO THANKS TO FATHER WE ESCAPED! HE TOLD US TO MEET YOU HERE!

AYE, YOU'LL BE SAFE IN THE FENS, BUT WE MUST BE WARY, THE NORMANS ARE EVERYWHERE.



WE MUST FLEE! WE DAREN'T RISK BEING CAUGHT!

WAIT, MASTER CEDRIC, I'LL TAKE YOU TO A SAXON NOBLEMAN WHO'LL PROTECT YOU! HEReward THE WAKE IS HIS NAME!



HEREWARD THE WAKE! WE'VE HEARD OF HIS DARING EXPLOITS—HE IS DEFYING THE NORMANS!

COME! WE MUST GET AWAY FROM HERE FIRST OF ALL!

THE NORMANS HAVE FIRED THE VILLAGE!



The old soldier led the way along a causeway, a raised road, for two or three miles.

IT IS DANGEROUS TO GO ANY FURTHER ALONG THE CAUSEWAY! WE MUST GO ANOTHER WAY!



DO WE HAVE TO SWIM?

NO, MASTER CEDRIC, THESE WILL BE OUR MEANS OF TRAVEL.

STILTS!



NOW YOU SEE WHY THE NORMANS CAN'T CATCH HEReward AND HIS MEN! THE NORMANS KNOW NOUGHT OF STILTS.