

The schoolboys who taught the Normans a lesson!

THE SCHOOL in the FENS

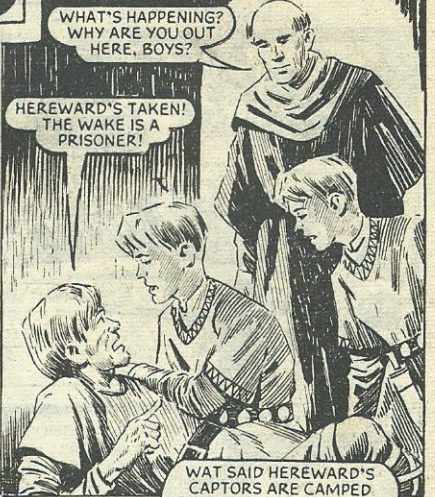
HAROLD and Cedric, the sons of the Earl of Chatteris, were at a school for the sons of Saxon noblemen, hidden in the Fen country of England, and under the protection of Hereward the Wake. This was after the Norman invasion, and the boys were being brought up in the Saxon way of life and taught how to use swords and quarterstaves. One night in the dormitory —



HELP! HELP!
OPEN THE
GATES!

IT'S WAT
MARLOW,
ONE OF
HEREWARD'S
MEN!

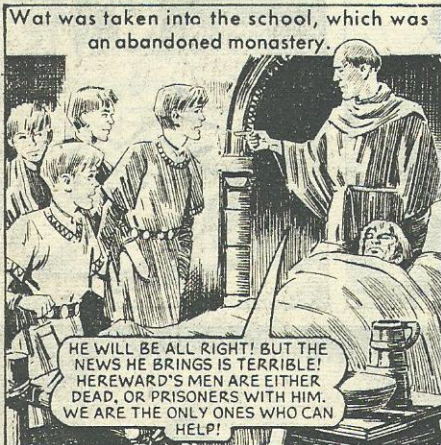
The boys were tending Wat Marlow, when Abbot Bowyn, the headmaster appeared.



WHAT'S HAPPENING?
WHY ARE YOU OUT
HERE, BOYS?

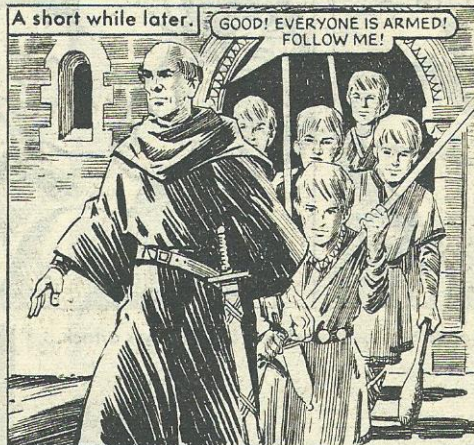
HEREWARD'S TAKEN!
THE WAKE IS A
PRISONER!

WAT SAID HEREWARD'S
CAPTORS ARE CAMPED
SOMEWHERE IN THE EAST
SWAMP! THE NORMANS
ARE EVERYWHERE—WE MUST
AVOID THE ROADS. PUT ON
YOUR BATTENS, THEY'LL
HELP US CROSS THE
SWAMPS!



Wat was taken into the school, which was an abandoned monastery.

HE WILL BE ALL RIGHT! BUT THE NEWS HE BRINGS IS TERRIBLE! HEREWARD'S MEN ARE EITHER DEAD, OR PRISONERS WITH HIM. WE ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN HELP!

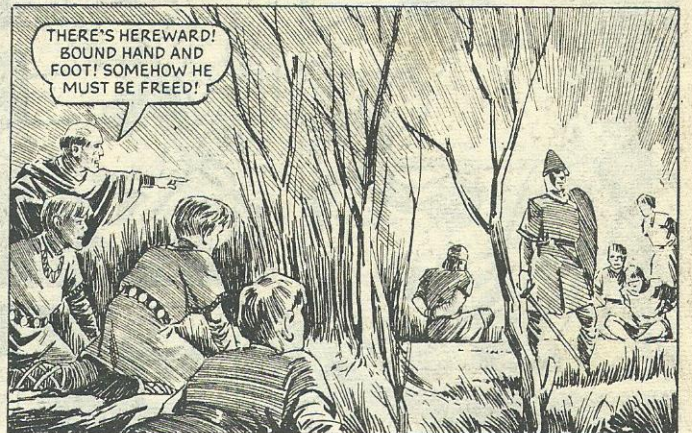


A short while later.

GOOD! EVERYONE IS ARMED!
FOLLOW ME!



THE NORMAN CAMP
FIRE, ABBOT BOWYN.



THERE'S HEREWARD!
BOUND HAND AND
FOOT! SOMEHOW HE
MUST BE FREED!



LET ME GO! I AM SMALL
AND MORE ABLE TO
DODGE THE GUARDS,
ABBOT!

IT IS DANGEROUS,
CEDRIC, BUT WHAT
YOU SAY MAKES SENSE!
GO THEN, BUT BE
CAREFUL.



THIS FAR AND NO ONE
HAS SEEN ME!



THAT SOUNDED LIKE A
TWIG SNAPPING!

OH DEAR! I DID NOT
NOTICE THAT TWIG!