

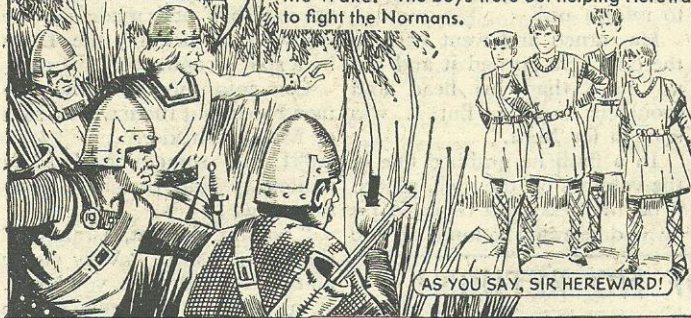
Hereward can beat the Normans—but he joins them instead! Why?

THE SCHOOL in the FENS

When the Normans came along.

I HEAR NORMANS COMING! TAUNT THEM AS I TOLD YOU, LADS! MAKE THEM HALT. WE WILL DO THE REST!

HAROLD and Cedric, the sons of the Earl of Chatteris, were pupils at the School in the Fens, which was under the protection of Hereward the Wake. The boys were out helping Hereward to fight the Normans.



AS YOU SAY, SIR HERWARD!

DOWN WITH THE NORMANS!



THESE SAXON WHELS DARE MOCK US! TEACH THEM A LESSON!

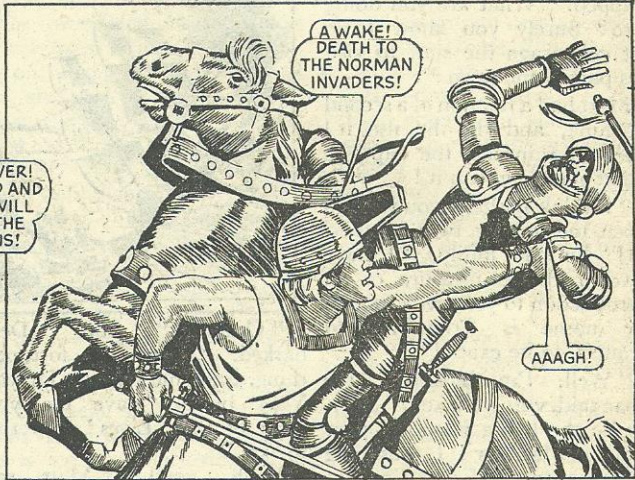
IT'S A TRAP THE SAXONS ARE UPON US!



A WAKE! A WAKE!

TAKE COVER! HERWARD AND HIS MEN WILL SETTLE THE NORMANS!

A WAKE! DEATH TO THE NORMAN INVADERS!



AAAGH!

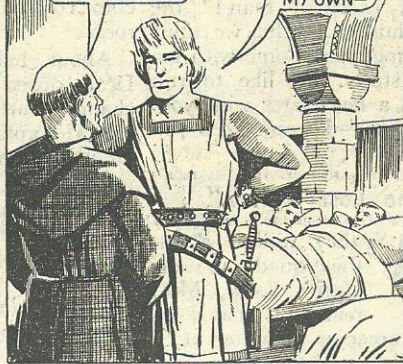
Later. NOBLY DONE, LADS! THIS SUIT OF ARMOUR WE'VE TAKEN WILL BE HELPFUL. I NEED IT FOR A PLAN I HAVE, IF MY SICK MEN ARE NOT YET READY FOR FIGHTING.



The school was on an island in the middle of the Fens. It could only be reached by secret paths hidden just under the surface of the swamps. The headmaster, Abbot Bowyn, was tending sick members of Hereward's force.

At the school.

THE MEN ARE DOING WELL, SIR HERWARD, BUT IT WILL BE A FEW DAYS BEFORE THEY ARE ON THEIR FEET!



A FEW DAYS, GOOD, ABBOT! THEN I MUST ACT NOW, ON MY OWN—

From a vantage point in the Fens—

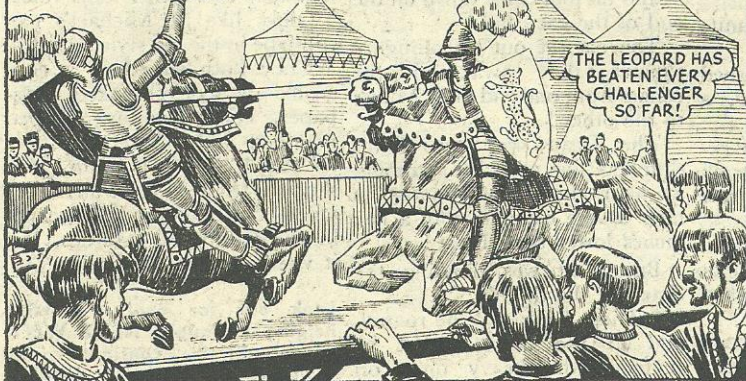
THE NORMANS ARE MASSING AN ARMY! WHAT CAN YOU, AND YOUR FEW FIT MEN, DO AGAINST SO MANY?



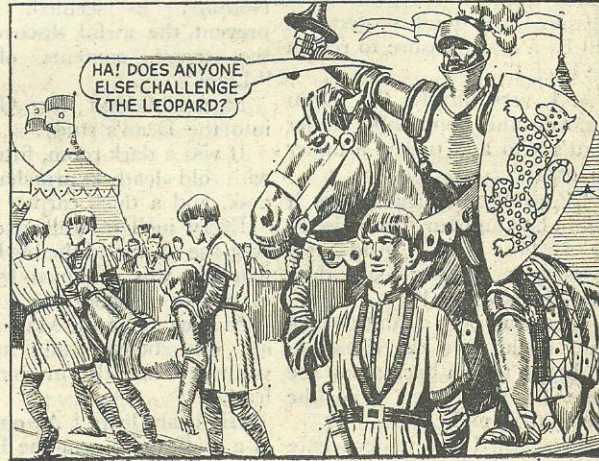
I'M GOING TO JOIN THE NORMANS! I'VE ALREADY GOT MY UNIFORM!

HERWARD JOINING THE NORMANS?

At the Norman camp, the knights passed the time until the army gathered, by jousting with each other.



THE LEOPARD HAS BEATEN EVERY CHALLENGER SO FAR!



HA! DOES ANYONE ELSE CHALLENGE THE LEOPARD?