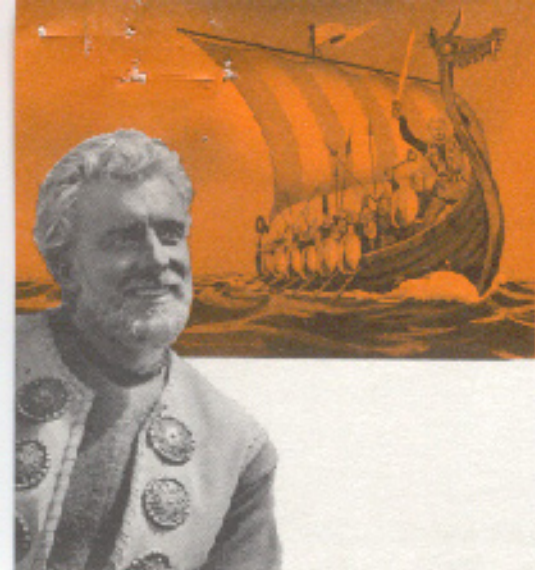


TALES OF THE VIKINGS



BANISHED WOMAN

Synopsis

When Queen Elfrida becomes ill, a reading of the Runes reveals that a flat stone placed at her feet and a bracteate with the legend of the door described on it placed on her wrist will assure her recovery. Leif doubts these "prescriptions" but goes to the woods to look for the stone. There he narrowly misses death at the hands of an attractive and confounding outcast named Aud who has been banished from her village for attempting revenge on her father's slayer.

When Leif sails to Weld for the bracteate, Aud stows away aboard the ship. Strongly attracted to each other; Aud and Leif both doubt the existence of anything they can't see or feel. In the village of Weld Leif learns that he will have to do battle with a Berserk to attain the bracteate which the Berserk is unwilling to part with. Attempting to steal the bracteate for Leif, Aud is caught by the Berserk and saved by Leif, who opposed him with a flaming torch against the Berserk's sword. Elfrida recovers when the bracteate is placed on her wrist, reaffirming Leif's wavering belief in the Runes and the Gods and inspiring Aud to re-evaluate her own lack of belief.

cast

Leif
Finn
Firebeard
Haidar
Elfrida
Aud

Jerome Courtland
Walter Barnes
Stefan Schnabel
Buddy Baer
Nora Minor
Alix Talton



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THE BLACK STONE

Synopsis

Returning from a long voyage, Firebeard's ship runs aground in fog on the shore of Thorvald's territory, where Thorvald has forbidden any ship to land. Brother John and Leif find bits of magnetic stone (the lodestone used for compasses), and in his search for more, Leif enters a gold mine belonging to Thorvald. He is caught there and accused of trying to steal the gold.

Aided by Thorvald's daughter Astrid, Leif goes to the mine to make a further search for the magnetic stone and encounters Finn, who is there to steal gold. The two brothers are caught, and as Hagar and Leif start to fight, Leif's sword is suddenly stuck to the wall. The magnetic stone thus does its work, and its discovery prevents hostilities between Leif and Thorvald and restores their friendship.

Cast

Leif	Jerome Courtland
Finn	Walter Barnes
Firebeard	Stefan Schnabel
Haldar	Buddy Baer
Brother John	Carl Duering
Pierro	Joel Marston
Astrid	Inge Schoener
Thorvald	Hans Schumm
Hagar	John Crawford



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BLOOD SACRIFICE

Synopsis

With a prolonged drought threatening Norstad, Firebeard orders Haldar to break up a trading ship which Leif has commissioned Haldar to build. Incensed by this act and by his father's dictum that a king's son wins wealth and fame by fire and sword, not by trade, Leif leaves for Thorheim with Haldar. Firebeard meanwhile has made a blood sacrifice for rain and takes other measures to ward off famine.

At Thorheim, Astrid's arrival forestalls a skirmish between Leif and Brodir, Thorvald's shore-guard. Explaining that he has come to buy a trading ship from her father, Thorvald, Leif goes with Astrid to Thorvald's Hall, where a Slavic trader is trying to sell Thorvald a marvelous Byzantine sword. It shows to poor advantage against "Warflame," Leif's Andalusian sword, which takes Brodir's life when he enters to engage Leif in combat. Leif is loath to part with Warflame even when Thorvald offers a ship and a storehouse of grain for it, but he learns that Firebeard is preparing to offer himself as a living sacrifice to the gods who still deny rain to the people of Norstad. Forfeiting his most precious possession, and acquiring Thorvald's grainships, he sails into Norstad just as the sacrificial sword is about to strike down Firebeard.

Cast

Leif
Finn
Firebeard
Elfrida
Brother John
Haldar
Pierro
Thorvald
Astrid
Eyvind
Asta

Jerome Courtland
Walter Barnes
Stefan Schnabel
Nora Minor
Carl Duering
Buddy Baer
Joel Marston
Hans Schumm
Inge Schoener
Helmut Brasch
Monika John



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THE BOWMAN

Synopsis

Sailing home from an expedition, Leif and his Vikings are shipwrecked when they encounter a heavy fog in strange waters. The men lose their weapons when they swim to shore, where they encamp for the night.

In the morning they are ambushed and taken captive by the warriors of King Gardar, ruler of this land called Bowman, who treats the Vikings as vanquished foes and decides to behead them. Leif and his comrades face their death with courage, but Leif refuses to bow his head for the sword because he wasn't bested in battle. The question of whether or not Leif should bow his head before the King to be beheaded becomes a contest of will between the two, and Leif's execution becomes a secondary matter. Leif wins not only his principle but the maiden Helga as well. He also is taught a new definition of pride by a blind man.

Cast

Leif
Halдар
Pierro
Gardar
Helga
Warrior
Vagn
Raun
Viking
Toke

Jerome Courtland
Buddy Baer
Joel Marston
Hank Nagorka
Linda Carroll
John Sullivan
Dick Wolf
Eric Jelde
Jack Cooper
John Evans



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