

CHAPTER V

SOON CARTHAGE WAS OUT OF SIGHT. A STORM AT SEA FORCED THE FLEET TO TURN FROM ITALY TO SICILY.

NOW SHIFT YOUR SAILS, WHAT PLACE CAN PLEASE ME MORE THAN SICILY, WHOSE EARTH MY FATHER'S BONES CONTAINS.

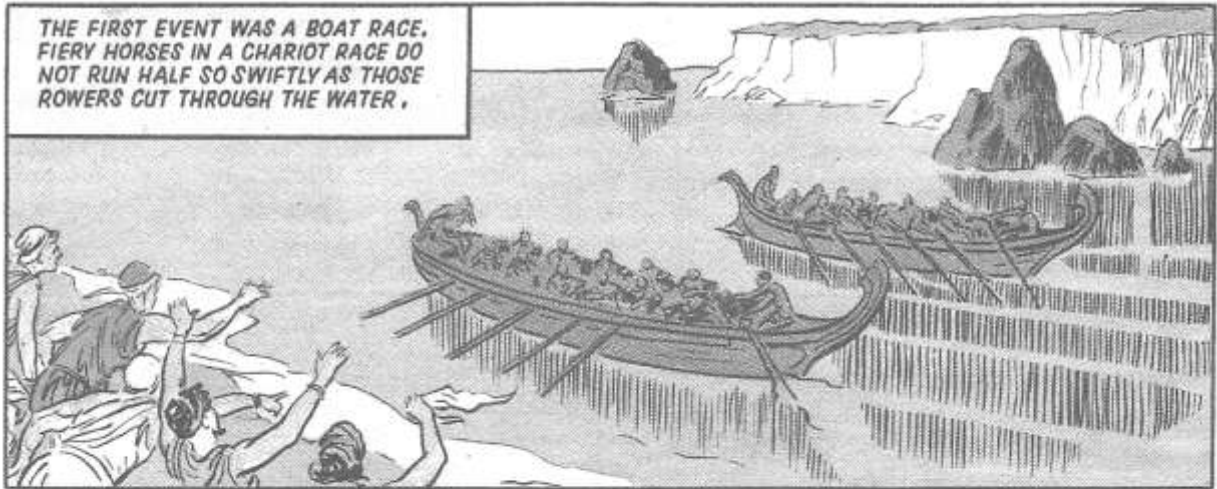


A YEAR HAD PASSED SINCE THE DEATH OF ANCHISES. WHEN THE TROJANS LANDED IN SICILY, AENEAS HELD FUNERAL GAMES IN HIS FATHER'S HONOUR.

PATERNAL ASHES, NOW REVIEWED IN VAIN, THE GODS PERMITTED NOT THAT YOU WITH ME SHOULD REACH THE PROMISED SHORES OF ITALY.



THE FIRST EVENT WAS A BOAT RACE. FIERY HORSES IN A CHARIOT RACE DO NOT RUN HALF SO SWIFTLY AS THOSE ROWERS CUT THROUGH THE WATER.



THE CAPTAIN OF THE LEADING BOAT GREW SO ANGRY WHEN HIS PILOT MADE A MISTAKE THAT HE THREW THE POOR MAN OVERBOARD, THE PILOT HAD TO SWIM TO SHORE AS BEST HE COULD.

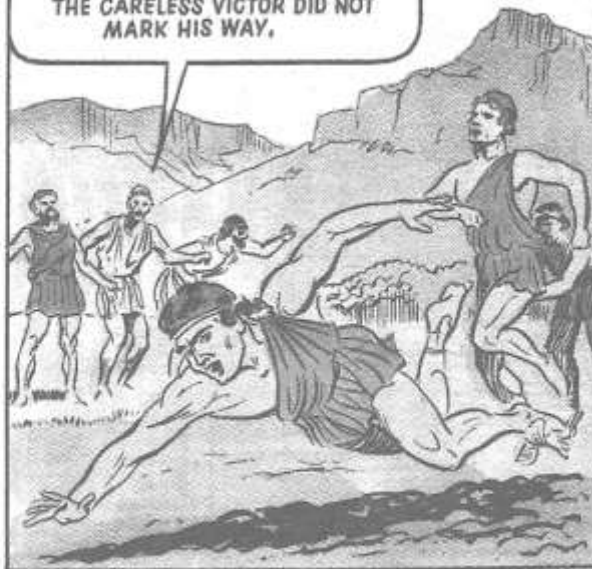


AFTER AENEAS DISTRIBUTED THE PRIZES, THE RUNNING RACES WERE HELD. AT A GIVEN SIGNAL, THE CONTESTANTS BEGAN.



NISUS SHOT IN FRONT OF THE CROWD, BUT WHEN THE GOAL WAS ALMOST WITHIN REACH, HE SLIPPED AND FELL.

THE CARELESS VICTOR DID NOT MARK HIS WAY.



HE KEPT HIS WITS ABOUT HIM. HE ROSE AND CROSSED IN FRONT OF THE MAN BEHIND HIM, THUS CLEARING THE WAY FOR HIS FRIEND EURYALUS.

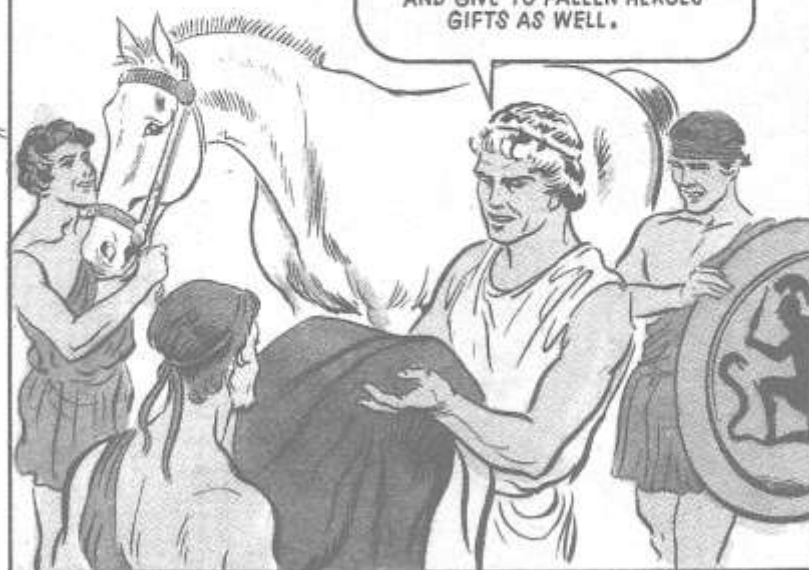


EURYALUS SPRANG PAST AND CROSSED THE GOAL.



THE RUNNERS CAME BEFORE AENEAS,

WHERE FORTUNE PLACED IT, I AWARD THE PRIZE. BUT FORTUNE'S ERRORS GIVE ME LEAVE TO MEND AND GIVE TO FALLEN HEROES GIFTS AS WELL.



AGAIN AENEAS SPOKE TO THE ATTENTIVE CROWD.

IF THERE BE HERE WHOSE DAUNTLESS COURAGE DARE IN GAUNTLET-FIGHT HIS OPPOSITE SUSTAIN, STAND FORTH.



IN THE LISTS APPEARED THE HAUGHTY DARES. HIS MATCH WAS SOUGHT, BUT NO ONE DARED ANSWER.

IF NONE MY MATCHLESS VALOUR DARE OPPOSE PERMIT ME, CHIEF, WITHOUT DELAY, TO LEAD THIS UNCONTESTED GIFT AWAY,



THEN ENTELLUS CAME FORWARD, A MIGHTY CHAMPION, BUT NOW PAST HIS PRIME. THE FIGHT BEGAN. DARES CIRCLED ENTELLUS, WHO STOOD HIS GROUND.



ENTELLUS AIMED A LONG, DESCENDING BLOW AT DARES, WHO SLIPPED ASIDE. ENTELLUS FELL HEADLONG TO THE EARTH.

SO FALLS A HOLLOW PINE THAT LONG HAS STOOD ON MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS.



BURNING WITH FURY, ENTELLUS ROSE AND RAINED SUCH A HAIL OF BLOWS UPON DARES THAT AENEAS BADE THE CONTEST CEASE.

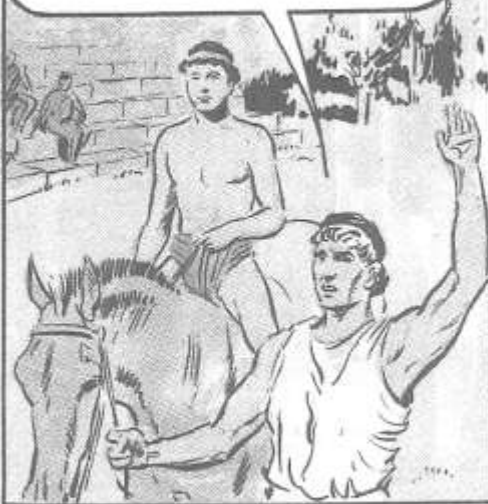
THE GODS HAVE GIVEN HIM SUPERIOR FORCE TO THINE. 'TIS MADNESS TO CONTEND WITH STRENGTH DIVINE.



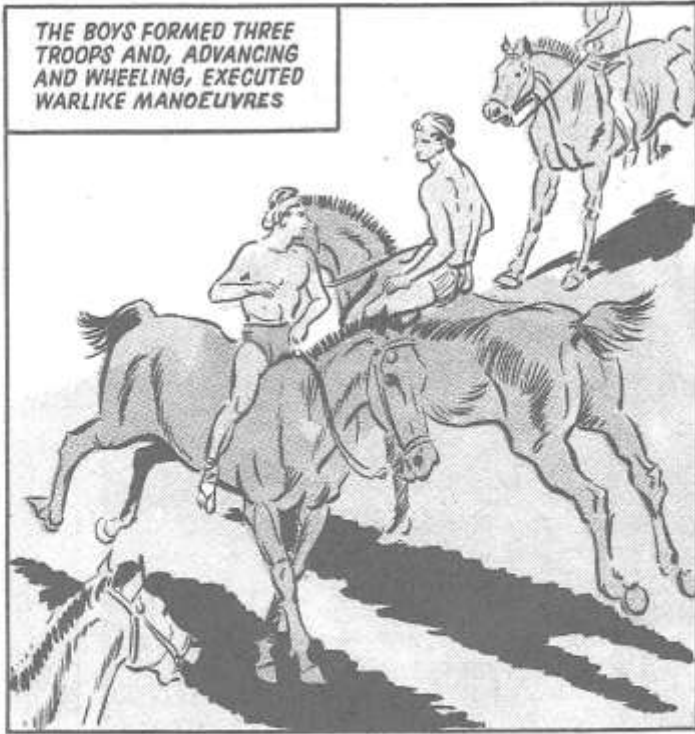


JUST BEFORE THE GAMES WERE OVER,  
AENEAS CALLED FOR HIS SON ASCANIUS.

ON HORSEBACK LET HIM GRACE HIS  
GRANDSIRE'S DAY  
AND LEAD HIS EQUALS, ARMED IN  
JUST ARRAY.



THE BOYS FORMED THREE  
TROOPS AND, ADVANCING  
AND WHEELING, EXECUTED  
WARLIKE MANOEUVRES



WHILE THE MEN ATTENDED THE FUNERAL  
GAMES, THE TROJAN WOMEN, WHO WERE  
WEARY OF WANDERING AND LONGED TO  
STAY IN SICILY, WERE URGED BY THE  
GODDESS JUNO TO SET FIRE TO THE SHIPS.

WITH THESE THE  
WANDERING  
SHIPS DESTROY.



THE MEN, COMING FROM THE GAMES WERE  
HORRIFIED TO SEE THEIR FLEET ABLAZE.



BUT THE FIRE WAS PUT OUT  
BY A THUNDERSTORM SENT  
FROM JOVE. AENEAS LEFT  
THOSE TIRED OF TRAVELLING  
IN SICILY. ONCE MORE, HE  
SET SAIL FOR ITALY, WITH  
ONLY THE YOUNG AND THE  
BRAVE ON BOARD.

