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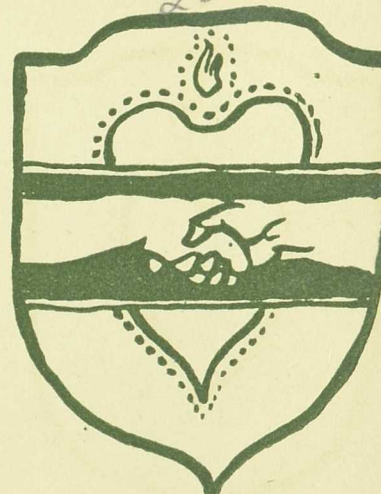
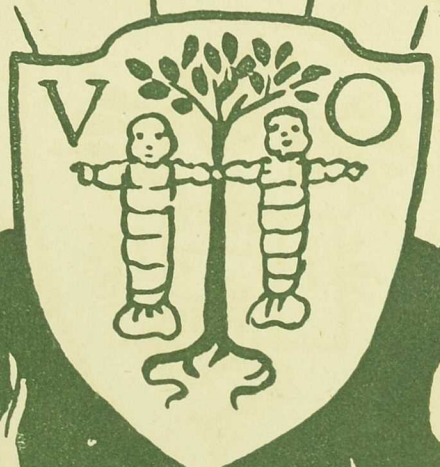
VALENTINE AND ORSON



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ONCE on a time an Emperor, a man of might
and fame,
Married a wife, and fair was she, and Bellisant her
name ;
And fair and happy were their lives, until an evil man
(He was the High Priest of the Court) an evil tale
began,
Of how the lady was not true unto her husband dear :
The Emperor believed the tale, and rose up in great
fear,
And drove poor Bellisant away ; in haste and dire
mischance
She took her way to Pepin's Court (her brother, King
of France).

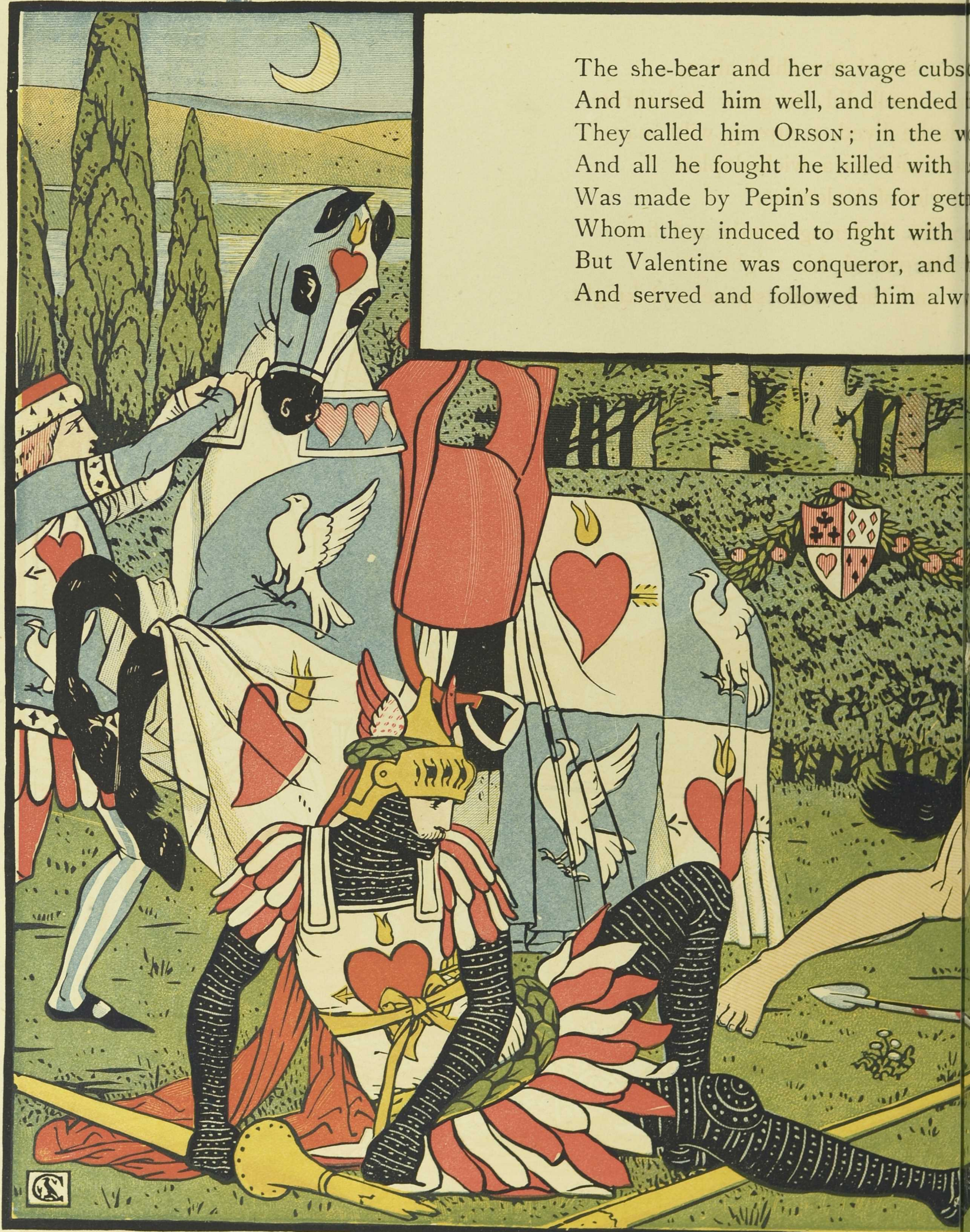




And as she fled, weighed down by grief and
sense of cruel scorn,
Lo, in the forest two fair sons to Bellisant were
born ;
But while her servant went to buy some food, a
great she-bear
Came up, and carried off one child unto her
distant lair.
Poor Bellisant ran after her, with many a sigh
and moan ;
In vain,—and when she turned again, the other
child was gone !



Now, Pepin chanced that very day to hunt with
all his train
In that same wood, and found the child ere she
came back again ;
And took him home, and brought him up, and
gave him all things fine—
Apparel, horses, and a name — so he was
VALENTINE.
And brave and fair he grew,—King Pepin's
daughter loved him well ;
The sons were jealous. Now will I his brother's
story tell.



The she-bear and her savage cubs
And nursed him well, and tended
They called him ORSON; in the w
And all he fought he killed with
Was made by Pepin's sons for get
Whom they induced to fight with
But Valentine was conqueror, and
And served and followed him alw

They saved the child alive,
m,—well did he grow and thrive.
ods he lived, a strong wild man,
se; and so a wicked plan
g rid of Valentine,
m, by flattering words and fine.
rson owned his might,
; and they were squire and knight.



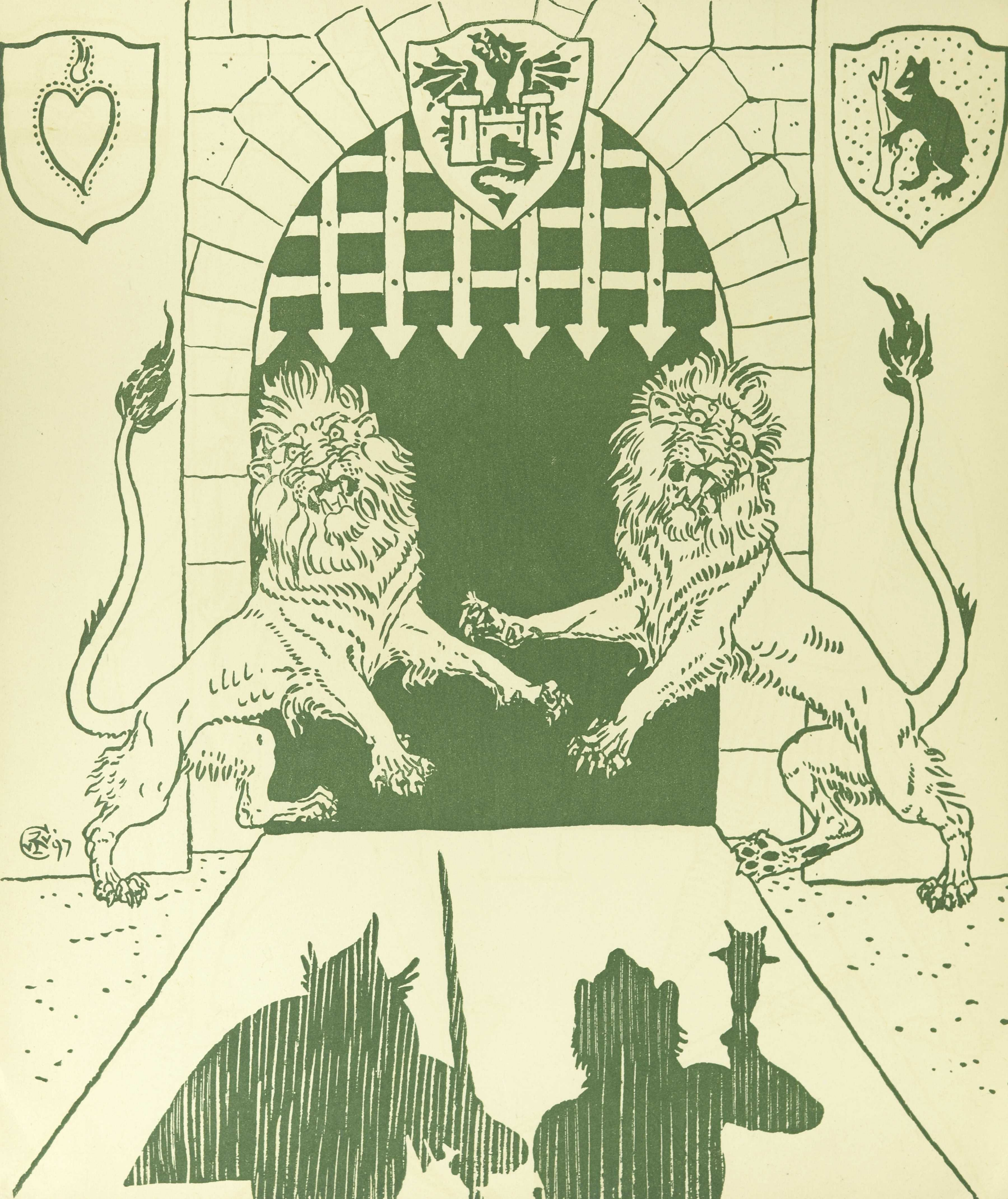




Now, in that land there dwelt a man, the
Green Knight he was called,
Who by his strength and magic arts a lady
fair enthralled,
And kept in prison dark and strong, and none
could set her free ;
Not even Valentine prevailed, with all his
bravery,

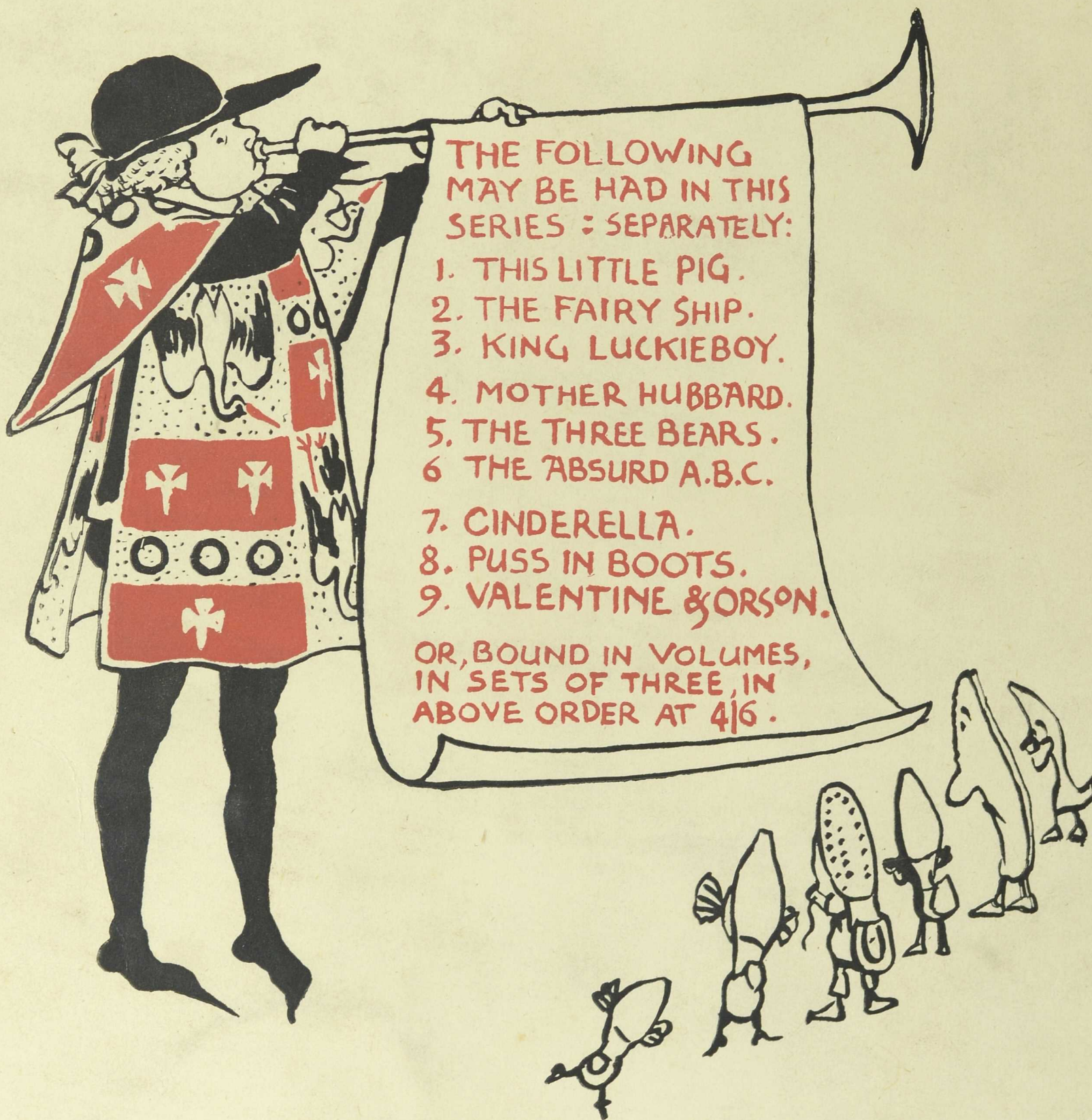
But Orson threw the Green Knight down, and
bound him with a chain,
And set the lady free; both brothers then
start off to gain
The Green Knight's castle-gates,—two roaring
lions kept guard there,
But down they crouched when they beheld the
brothers void of fear.





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THE FOLLOWING
MAY BE HAD IN THIS
SERIES : SEPARATELY:

1. THIS LITTLE PIG.
2. THE FAIRY SHIP.
3. KING LUCKIEBOY.
4. MOTHER HUBBARD.
5. THE THREE BEARS.
6. THE ABSURD A.B.C.
7. CINDERELLA.
8. PUSS IN BOOTS.
9. VALENTINE & ORSON.

OR, BOUND IN VOLUMES,
IN SETS OF THREE, IN
ABOVE ORDER AT 4/6.