



## *King Edward 1 and Llywelyn the Last*



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1274, Westminster Abbey

After the death of King Henry III in 1272, his son The Lord Edward returned from the Crusade. He was to become...

**King Edward I,**  
Edward Longshanks and the  
Hammer of the Scots!

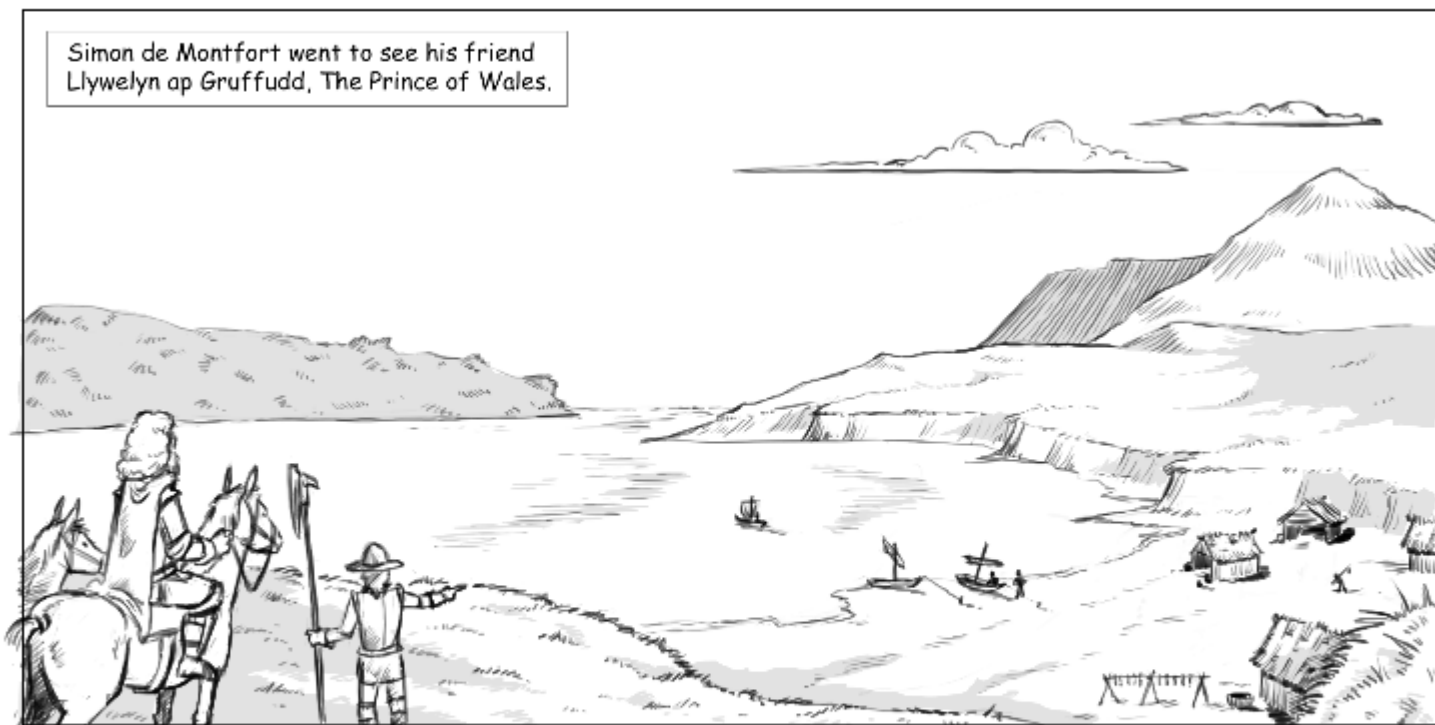


But not all the Lords were happy...

King Edward I cousin was Simon de Montfort, 6th Earl of Leicester. A very powerful and influential man. He knew that if King Edward I died before he had a son, *he would be King!*



Simon de Montfort went to see his friend Llywelyn ap Gruffudd, The Prince of Wales.





Llywelyn! How are you my old friend!

Simon de Montfort!  
Well! Well!  
What brings you to this far and fair corner of Wales!



Come friend, do you still have feelings for my daughter!

I think we might be able to make a mighty match of families!



Let us eat and drink, this sounds like a good conversation!

Eleanor your daughter is a rare beauty, nothing would please me more than to see her again!

Let me know what is going on in England!



King Edward was not pleased that you were not there at his coronation...

You and I both know that it is not safe for me there!



I did notice your brother Dafydd ap Gruffudd, he seems to be very close to the King of England now...



You mark my words, he is up to no good!

Dafydd always wants more, I agreed with King Edward's father to give him lands, but he always wants more! His greed drives him.

I fear war is coming and I will have to fight both my brother and a King!



1277

Llywelyn is trying my patience! Not only did he refuse to come to London for my coronation, he is also planning to marry Eleanor de Montfort!

Who does he think he is!



At least her father isn't around to see that!



Your forces made short work of Simon de Montfort at the Battle of Evesham.



That is right, and what do you hope to gain out of all this, Dafydd ap Gruffudd?

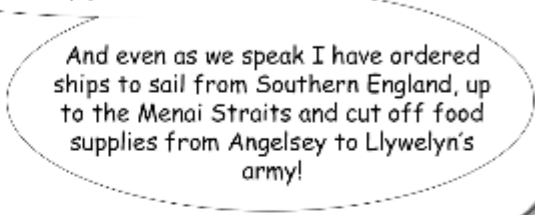
You have already tried and failed to assassinate your brother...

I fight for what should be mine, that is all.



It matters to me not, for I already have plans in motion!

My men have already captured Eleanor de Montfort off the Isles of Scilly. She is now my prisoner!

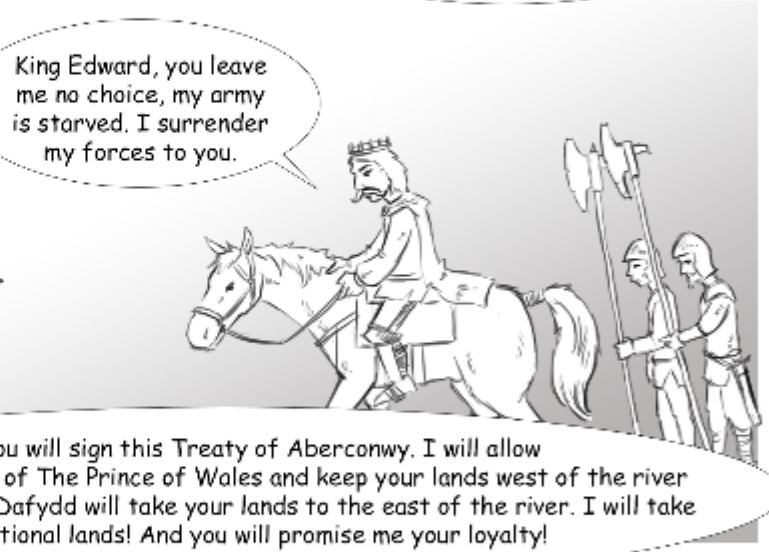
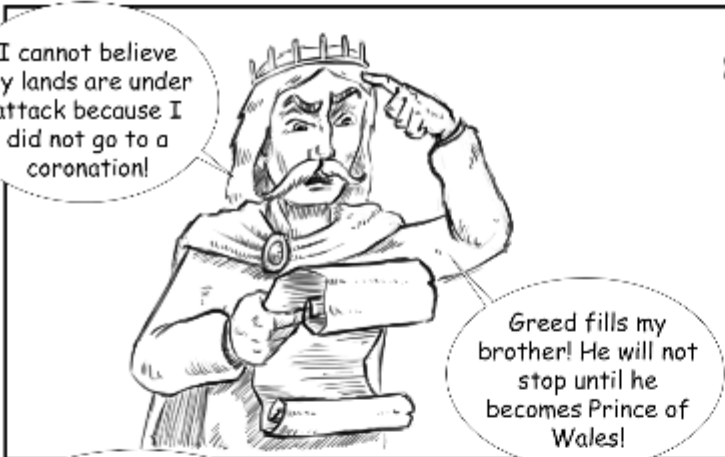


And even as we speak I have ordered ships to sail from Southern England, up to the Menai Straits and cut off food supplies from Angelsey to Llywelyn's army!



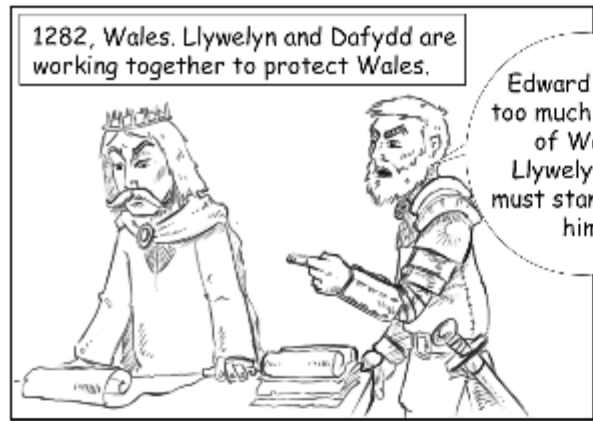


Llywelyn at Twthill, Rhuddlan, 1277

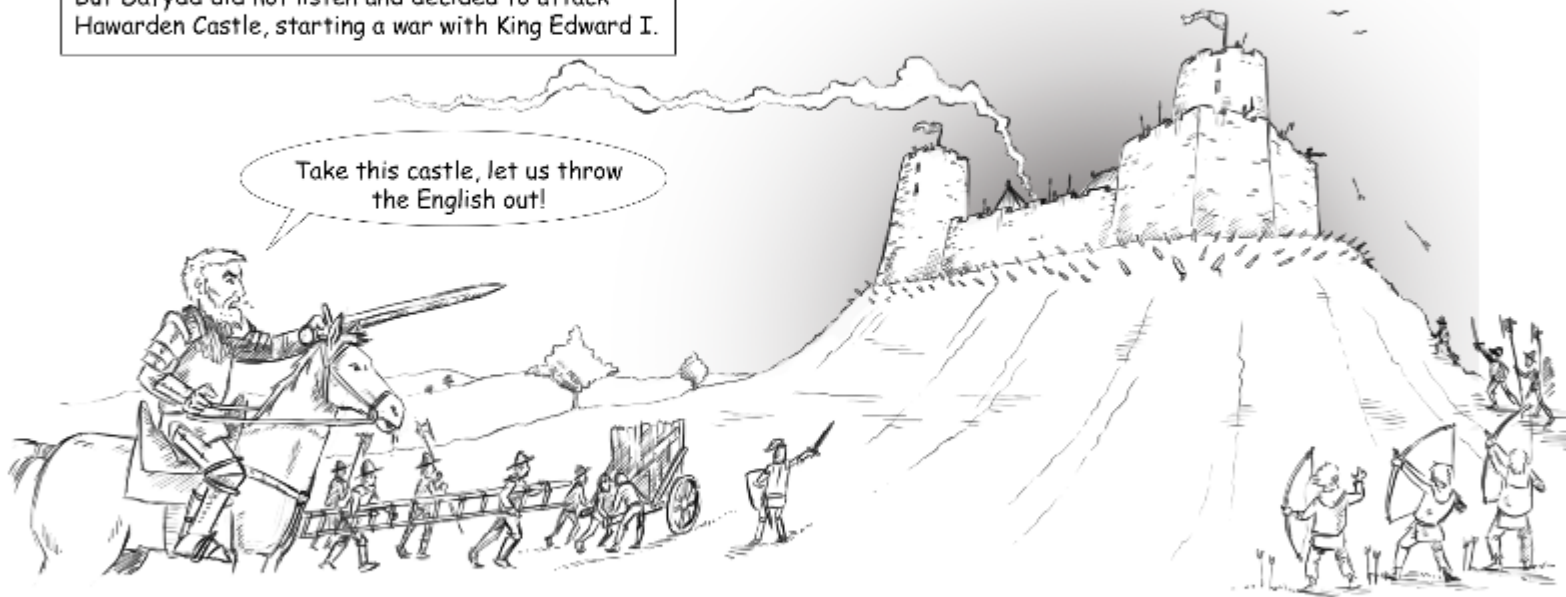




Eleanor and Llywelyn were formally married at Worcester Cathedral, in 1278. Edward gave the bride, his cousin, away and paid for the wedding feast. Eleanor became officially known as Princess of Wales and Lady of Snowdon.



But Dafydd did not listen and decided to attack Hawarden Castle, starting a war with King Edward I.



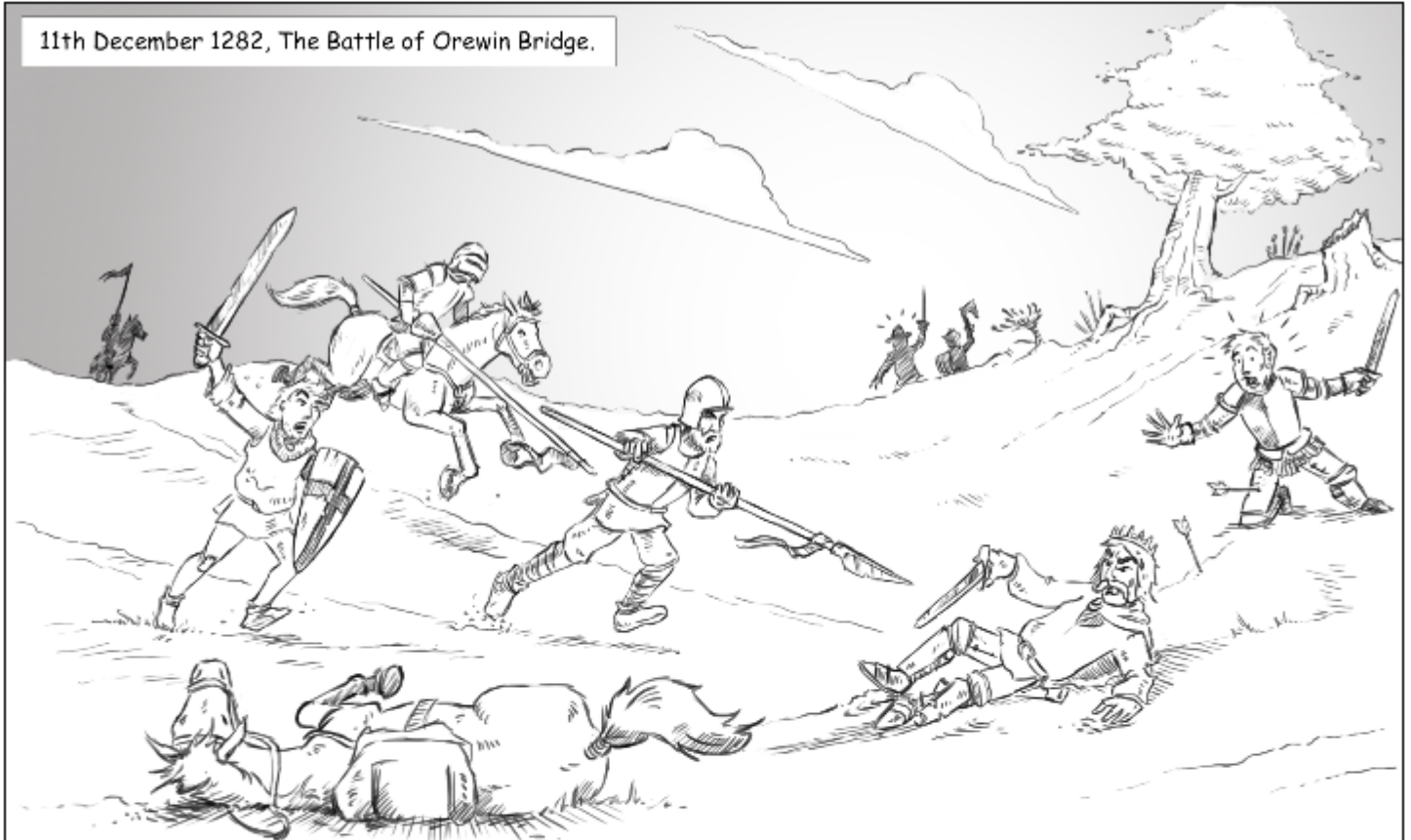
Llywelyn ap Gruffudd, The Prince of Wales, had no choice but to support his brother over the English King Edward I. Late in 1282 he divided his forces with his brother Dafydd ap Gruffudd. Llywelyn took his forces towards South Wales, to open a second front in the war.



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11th December 1282, The Battle of Orewin Bridge.



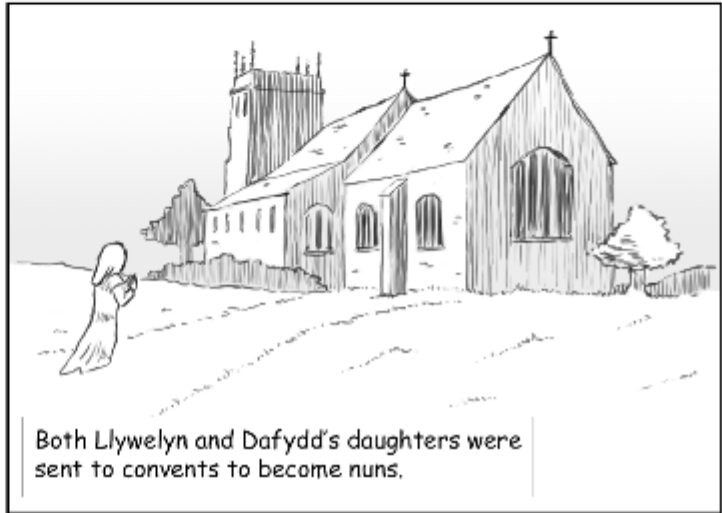
Llywelyn's forces were outmaneuvered and out fought. Llywelyn ap Gruffudd, The Prince of Wales, was cut down on the outskirts of the fighting, trying to get back to the main Welsh army.

After Llywelyn's death, his brother Dafydd ap Gruffudd became the last Prince of Wales, but only held on for a few months.

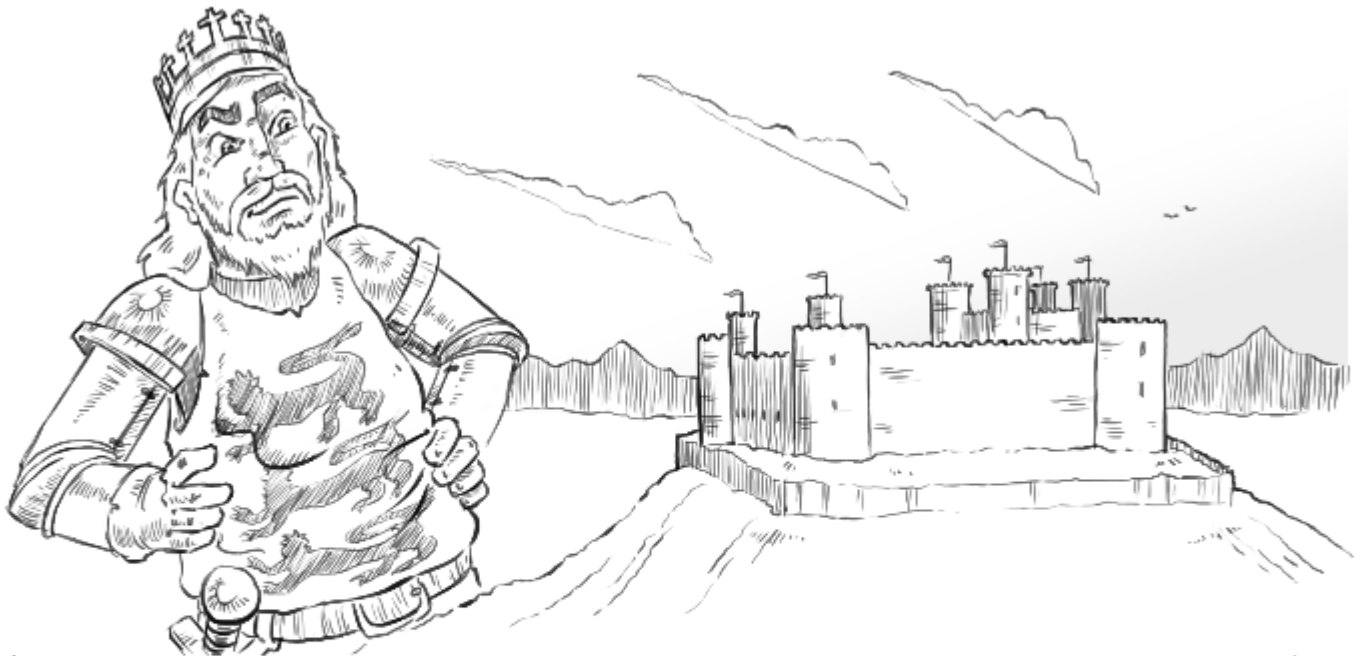


Hunted by King Edward's forces, Dafydd's men hid on the high slopes of the Snowdonia mountain ranges.

On the 22nd June 1283, Dafydd ap Gruffudd was finally captured and brought before King Edward I.



Both Llywelyn and Dafydd's daughters were sent to convents to become nuns.



King Edward I planned to rule all of Wales. He build castles in Conwy, Caernarfon and Harlech to stop any of the other Welsh nobles from deciding to fight against English rule and the Princes of Wales were no more.



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