

The Princes of Wales

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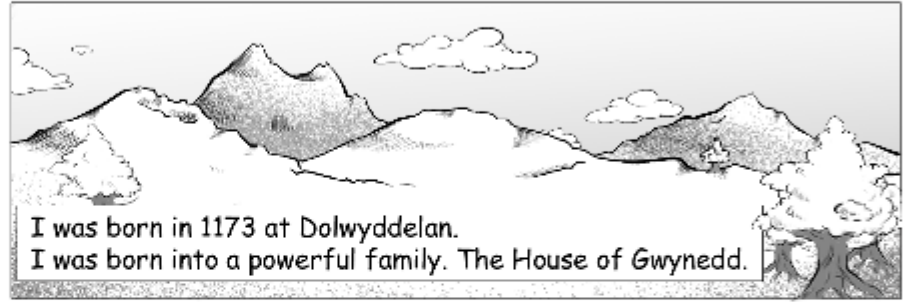


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Llewelyn ap Iorwerth

Llewelyn the Great

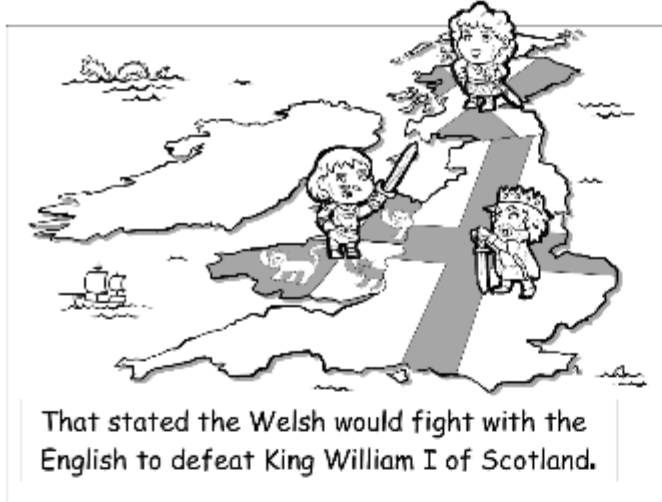


I was born in 1173 at Dolwyddelan.
I was born into a powerful family. The House of Gwynedd.

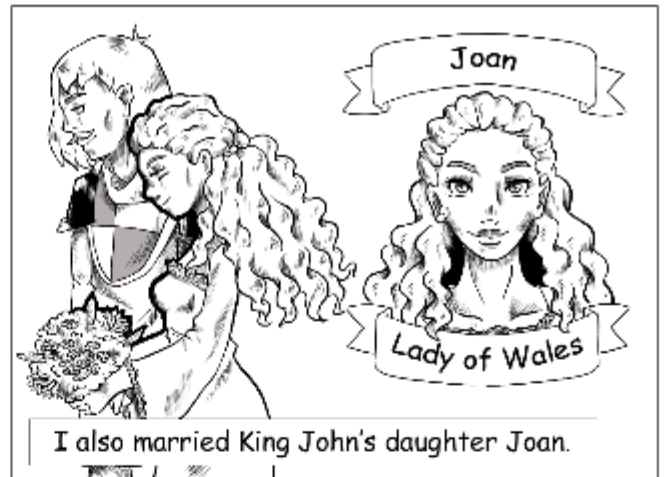


My goal was to ensure that Wales was ruled by the Welsh.

I kept King John of England happy by signing a treaty.



That stated the Welsh would fight with the English to defeat King William I of Scotland.

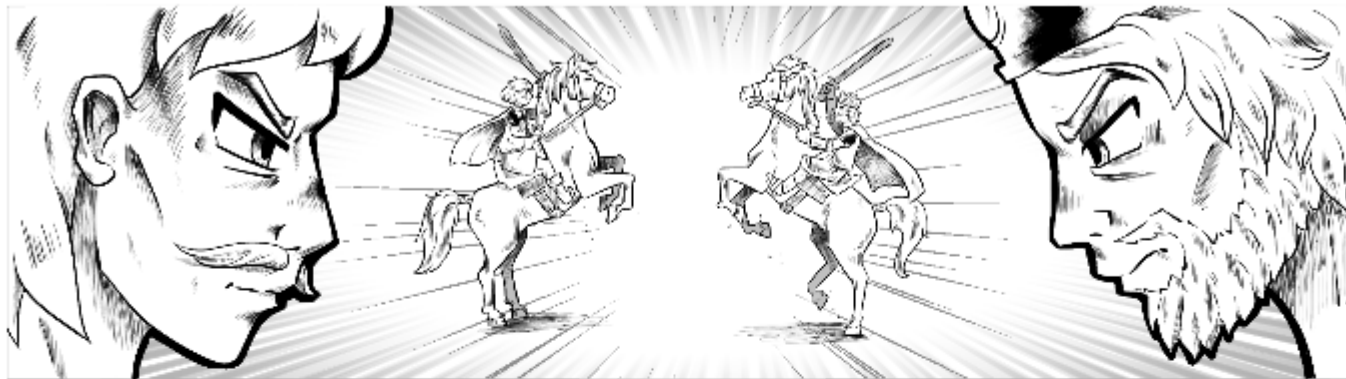


I also married King John's daughter Joan.



I also captured castles in the south such as Kidwelly and Cilgerran; castles built by Normans, not by the Welsh.

I built more stone castles than any other prince before me, such as Criccieth!



Sometimes King John and I disagreed and we had the odd fight.

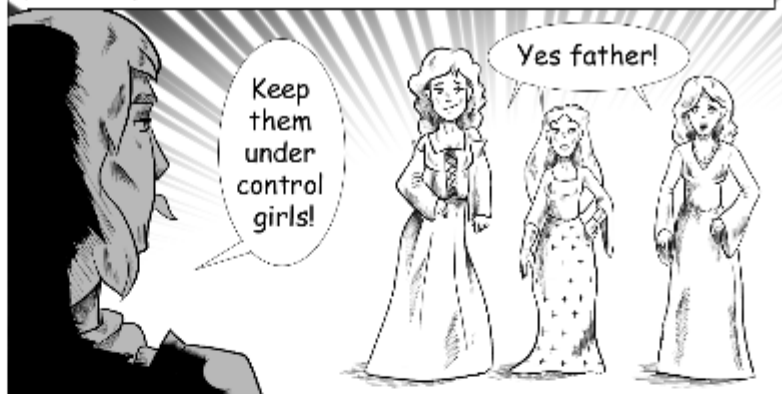


However, my wife Joan always helped to calm her father down, and we never argued for long.

King John appointed Marcher Lords to guard the borders between Wales and England.

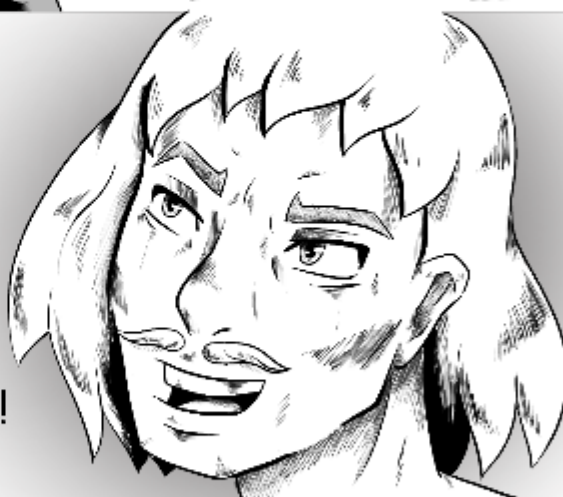


I was clever enough to let them marry my daughters, so they didn't bother me much either.



I united my country.
I succeeded in keeping Wales for the Welsh.
I used diplomacy and wisdom to keep my people safe.

This is why they called me
Llywelyn the Great!



Llewelyn ap Gruffydd

Llewelyn the Last



From the moment I was born in 1223, my family were at war.

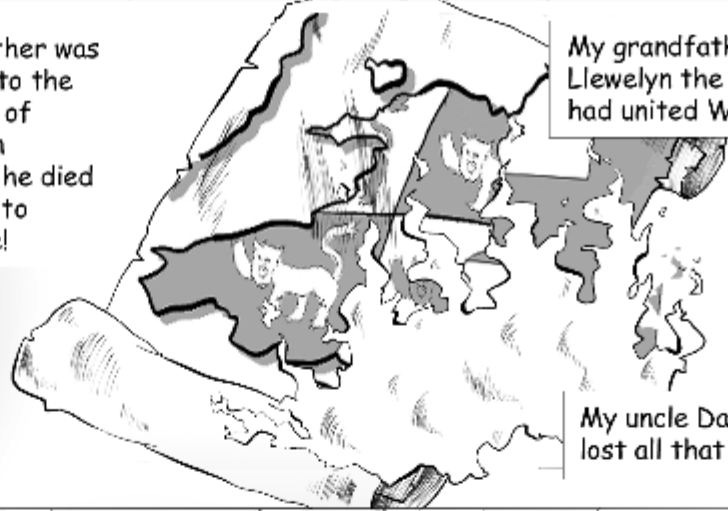


My Father, Gruffydd ap Llywelyn was betrayed and captured...

..by my own uncle, Dafydd. He gave him to the English King Henry III.

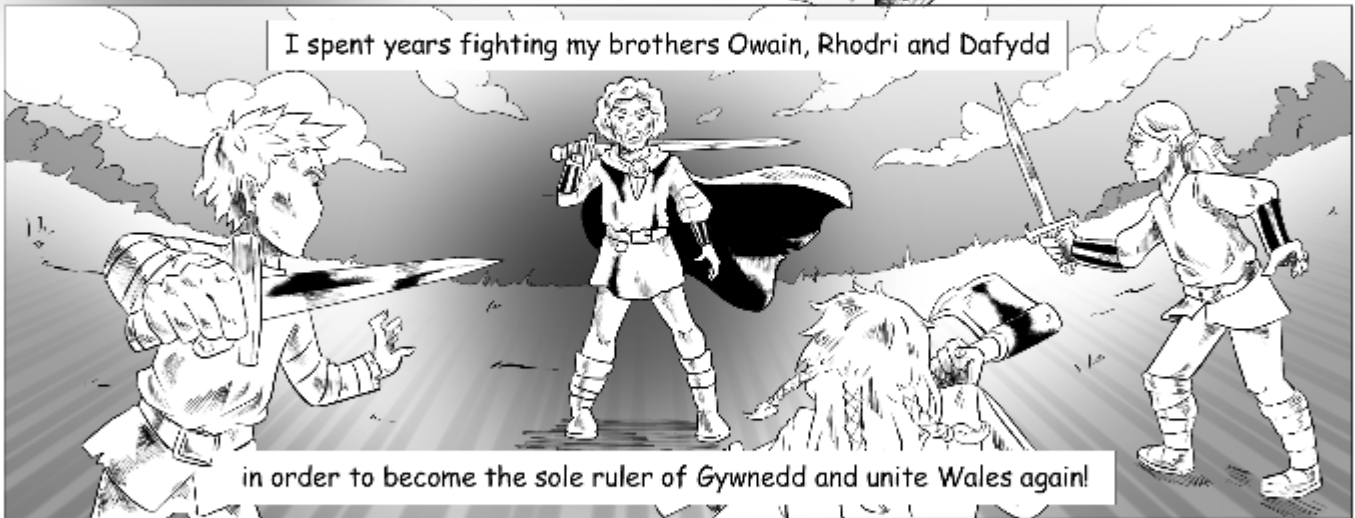


My father was taken to the Tower of London where he died trying to escape!



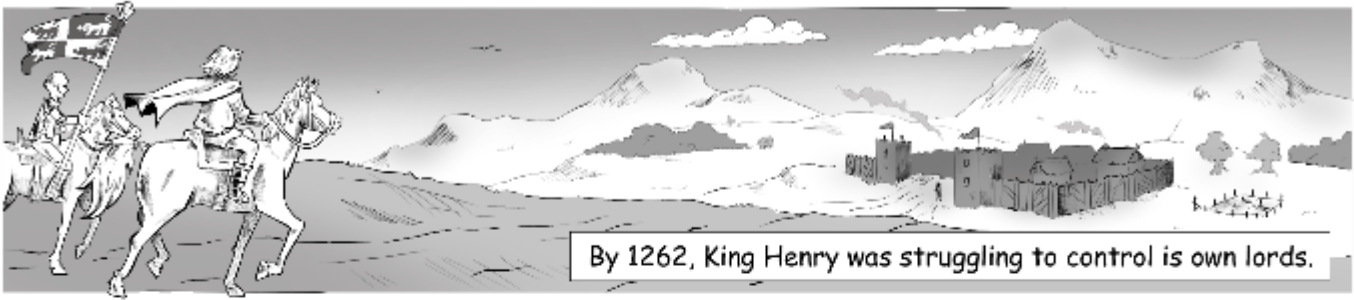
My grandfather, Llewelyn the Great, had united Wales.

My uncle Dafydd lost all that power.



I spent years fighting my brothers Owain, Rhodri and Dafydd

in order to become the sole ruler of Gywnedd and unite Wales again!



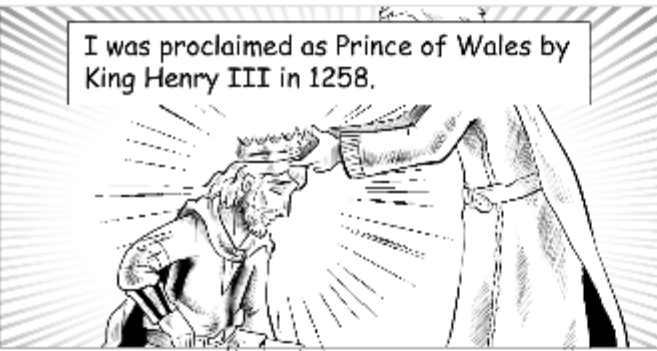
By 1262, King Henry was struggling to control his own lords.



I took the chance to attack Welsh land which had been given to English men.



I was helped by Simon de Montfort, one of Henry's own men.

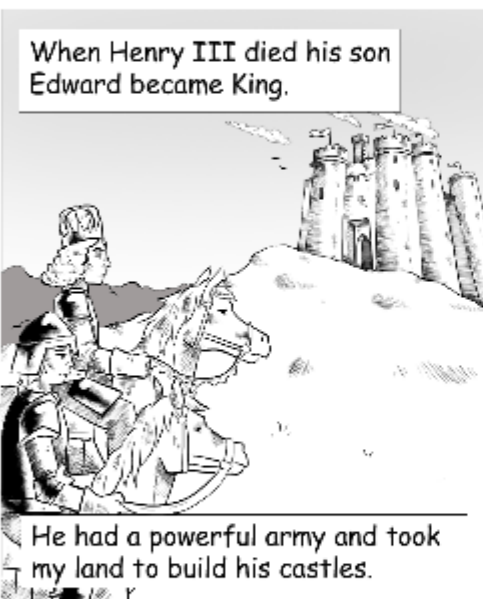


I was proclaimed as Prince of Wales by King Henry III in 1258.



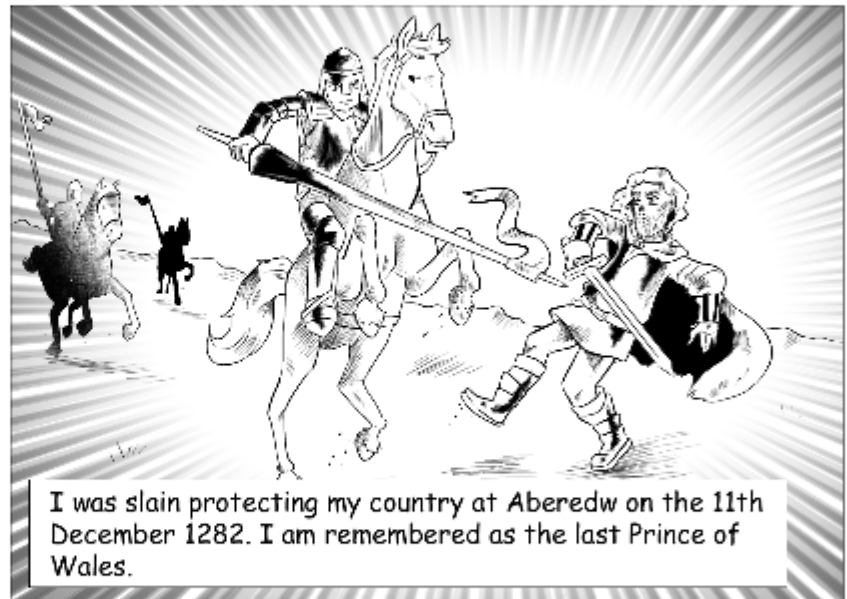
I married Eleanor de Montfort, the niece of Henry III in 1275.

But my happiness was not meant to last...



When Henry III died his son Edward became King.

He had a powerful army and took my land to build his castles.



I was slain protecting my country at Aberedw on the 11th December 1282. I am remembered as the last Prince of Wales.



Owain Glyndwr

I was born in 1359 and am an educated man, descended from the Princes of Powys and Deheubarth.



As a young man I was sent to study law in London and although I never became a lawyer, my understanding of the law helped me to guide my people.

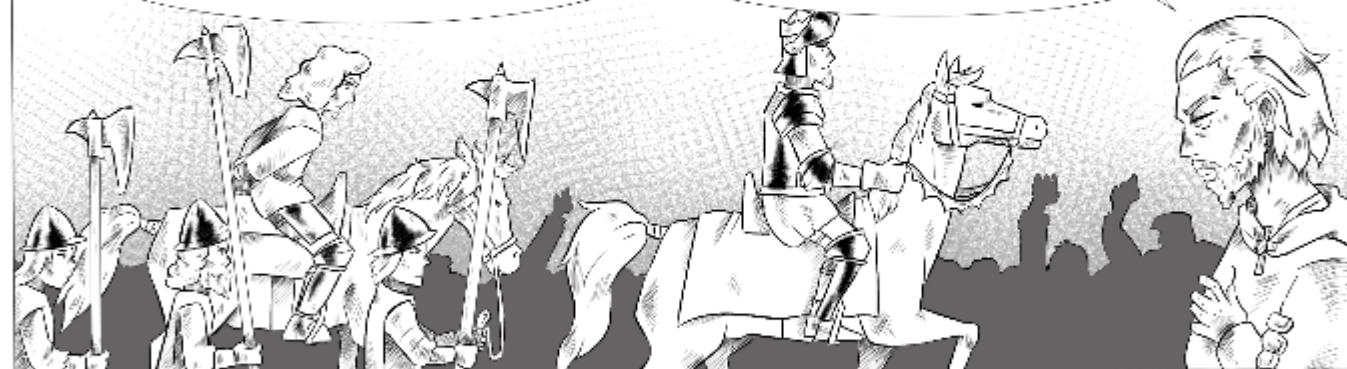
Born in a time when England and Wales was united,



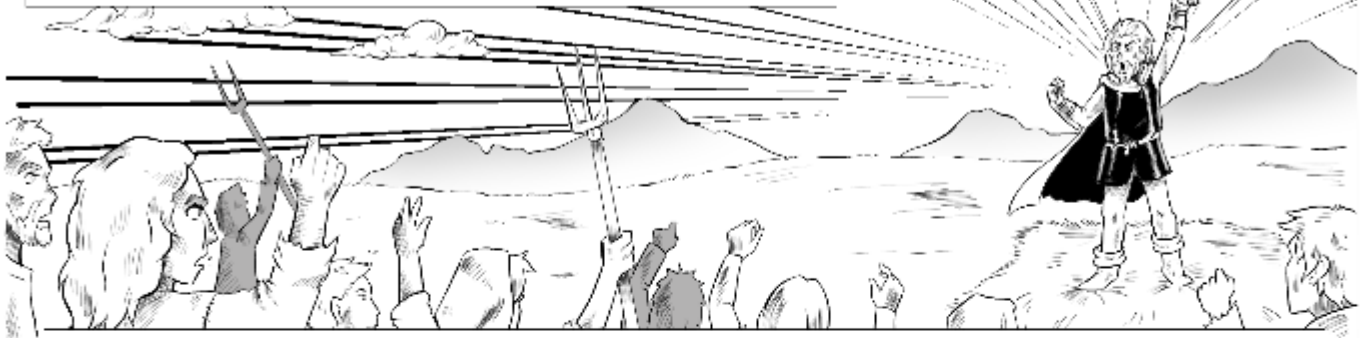
I fought proudly for our King Richard III of England, against the Scottish.

My world was turned upside down when Henry Bolingbroke seized the crown from Richard and became King Henry IV.

He let his friend Reginald Grey take my land.

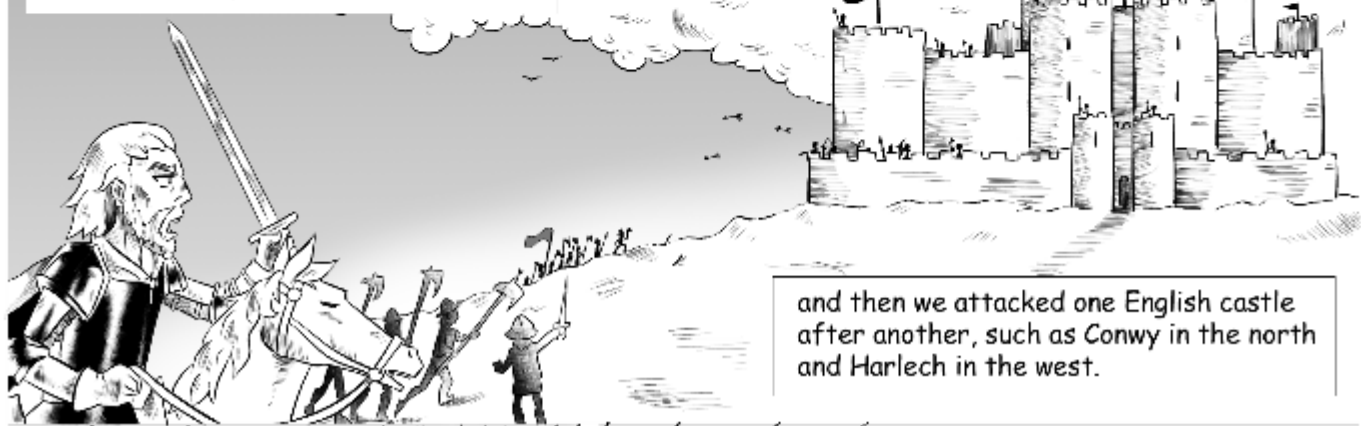


I am a fair and honest man. I could not sit back and do nothing.



In September 1400, I began a rebellion against the English rule. I quickly gained followers from all over Wales, with my people proclaiming me Prince of Wales.

We successfully attacked Ruthin first,



and then we attacked one English castle after another, such as Conwy in the north and Harlech in the west.

I was wise and made an alliance with powerful men, Thomas Percy of Northumberland and Edmund Mortimer Earl of March. Our aim was to divide the kingdoms of England and Wales into three parts, and govern those kingdoms fairly.

We fought for our freedom for over ten years!

We were so close to winning, but Henry's son was a better soldier than his father. He cut off our supplies of trade and weapons.



One by one, the English claimed back their castles and retook our land.

They never did catch me!

I inspired a nation and became a hero in the eyes of my people. I fought for them and their rights.



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