

The Quest for Kalevala

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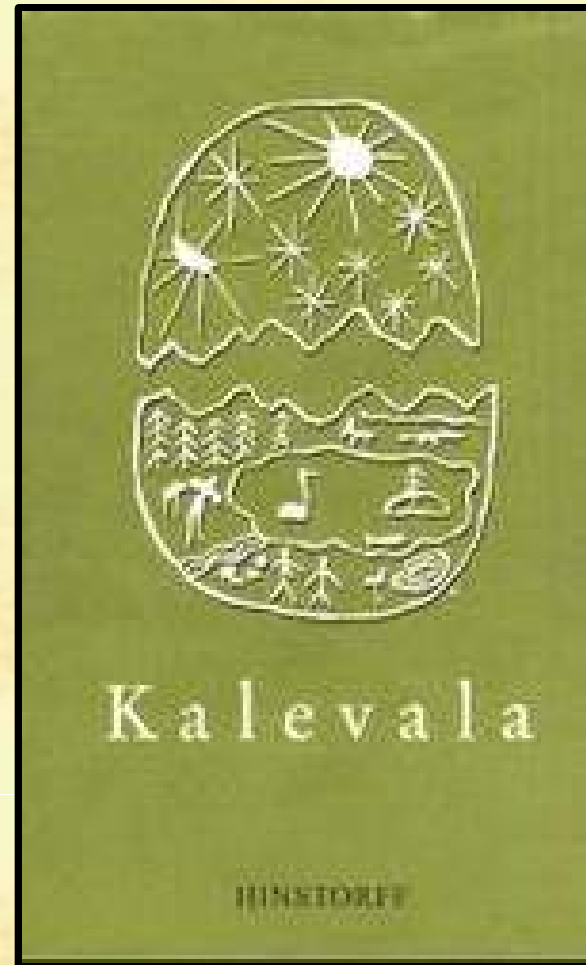
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The Kalevala

*Kalewala, taikka Wanhoja
Karjalan Runoja Suomen
kansan muinoisista
ajoista*

The Kalevala, or old
Karelian poems about
ancient times of the
Finnish people



The national epic

- Important turning-point for Finnish-language culture
- Foundation for the Finnish identity
- Inspiration for the national awakening
- Spotlight on Finland

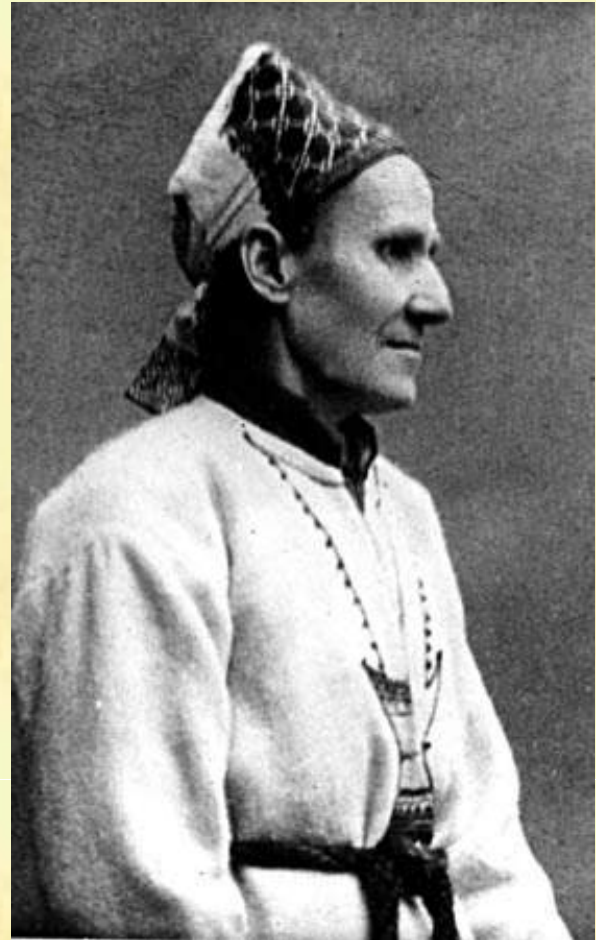
Lönnrot's work



- Elias Lönnrot (1802-1884)
- Medical doctor and philologist
- Collector of traditional folk tales of Karelia and Lapland
- 1st. Version in 1835
- 2nd. Version in 1849

Poetry

- Poetic form: "trochaic tetrameter"
- Sung by 2 singers
- 50 poems (runot) with 22,795 verses



Poetry (2)

*“Then the aged Väinämöinen
Went upon his journey singing,
Sailing in his boat of copper,
In his vessel made of copper,
Sailed away to loftier regions,
To the land beneath the heavens.
There he rested with his vessel,
Rested weary, with his vessel,
But his kantele he left us,
Left his charming harp in Suomi,
For his people's lasting pleasure,
Mighty songs for Suomi's children.”*

English translation W.F. Kirby (1907)

Main Influences

- Painter: Akseli Gallén-Kallela (1865-1931)
- Writer: J.R.R. Tolkien (1892-1973)
Silmarillion, The Lord of the Rings
- Pop music: Amorphis (lyrics)

Kalevala everywhere

- "Kalevalan päivä"
(28. February)
- Väinämöisenkatu
- Sampo Assurance
Company
- Kullervo...
- etc.



Main characters



Väinämöinen

The old wise hero



Ilmarinen

The Smith



Lemminkäinen

The young adventurer



Louhi

The Witch

Places and Items



Pohjola

Sampo



Tuonela

Kalevala

Kantele



1. Creating the Sampo



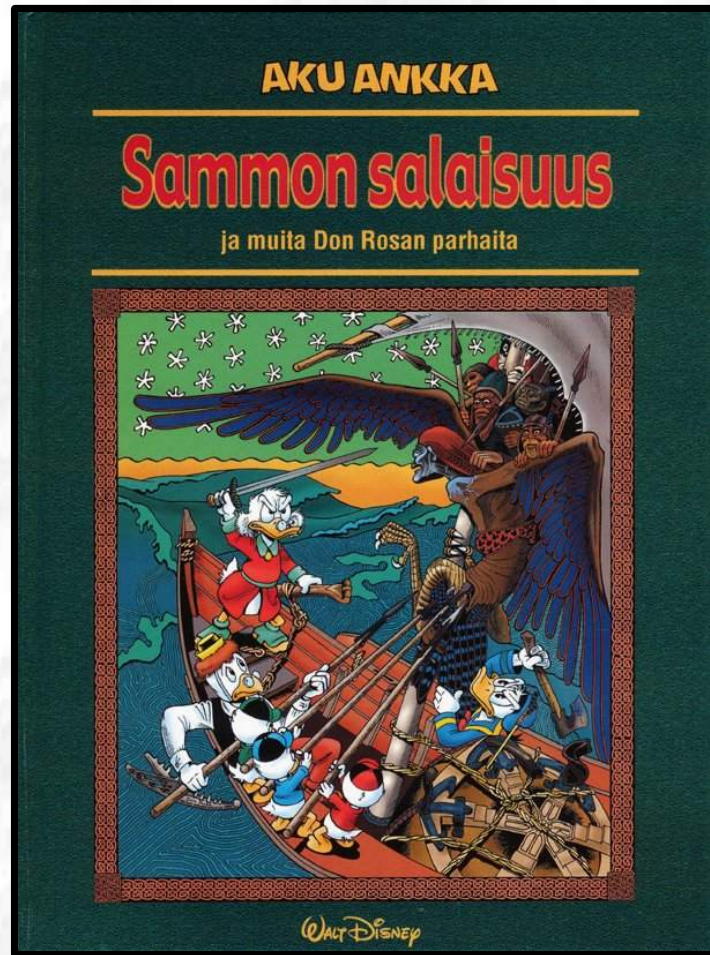
2. Struggling for a wife



3. Sampo wars



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Sammon Salaisuus

The Secret of the Sampo

Main characters



Scrooge McDuck
Roope Ankka



Donald Duck
Aku Ankka

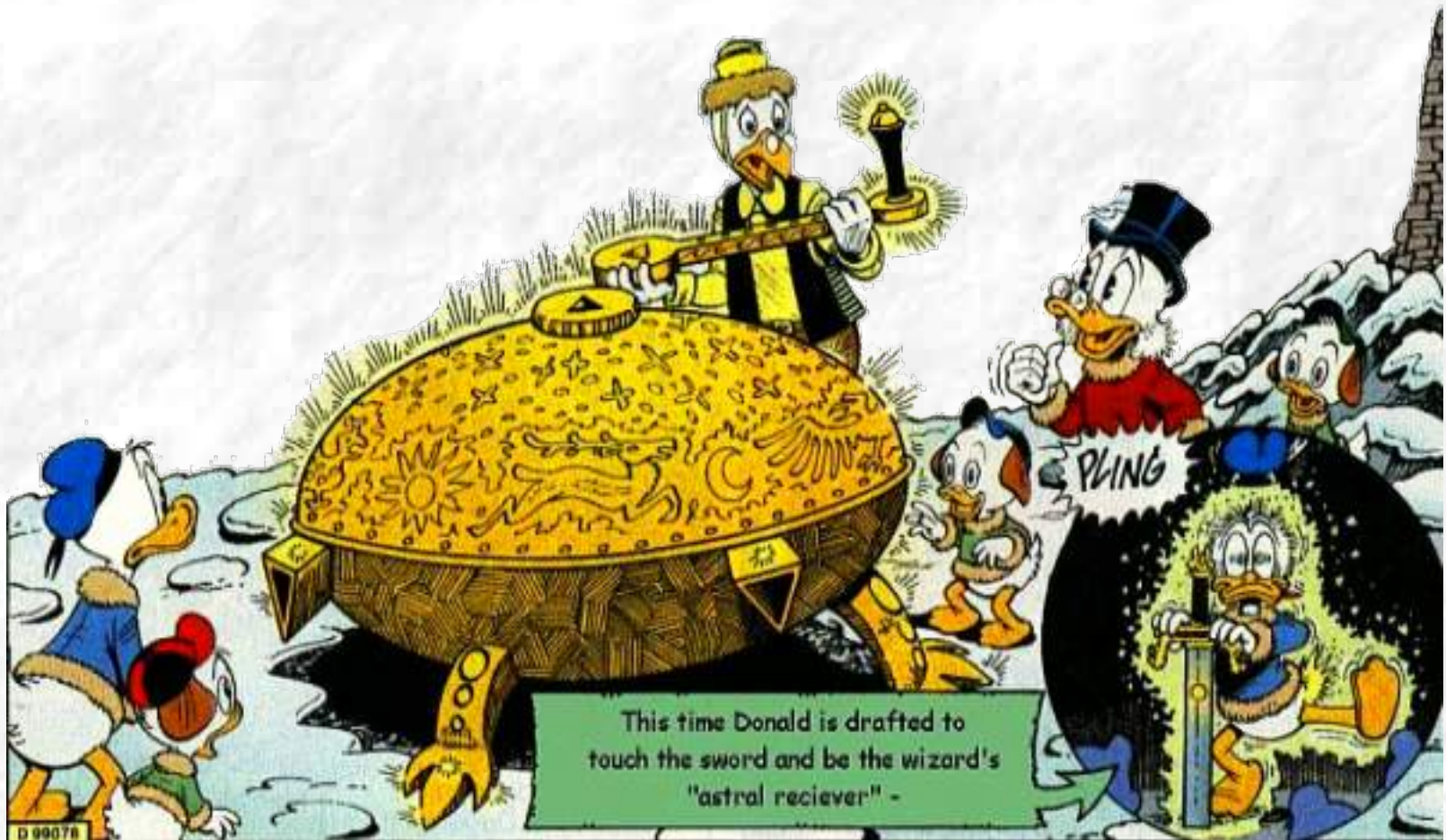


Vainämöinen

Magica De Spell
Milla Magia



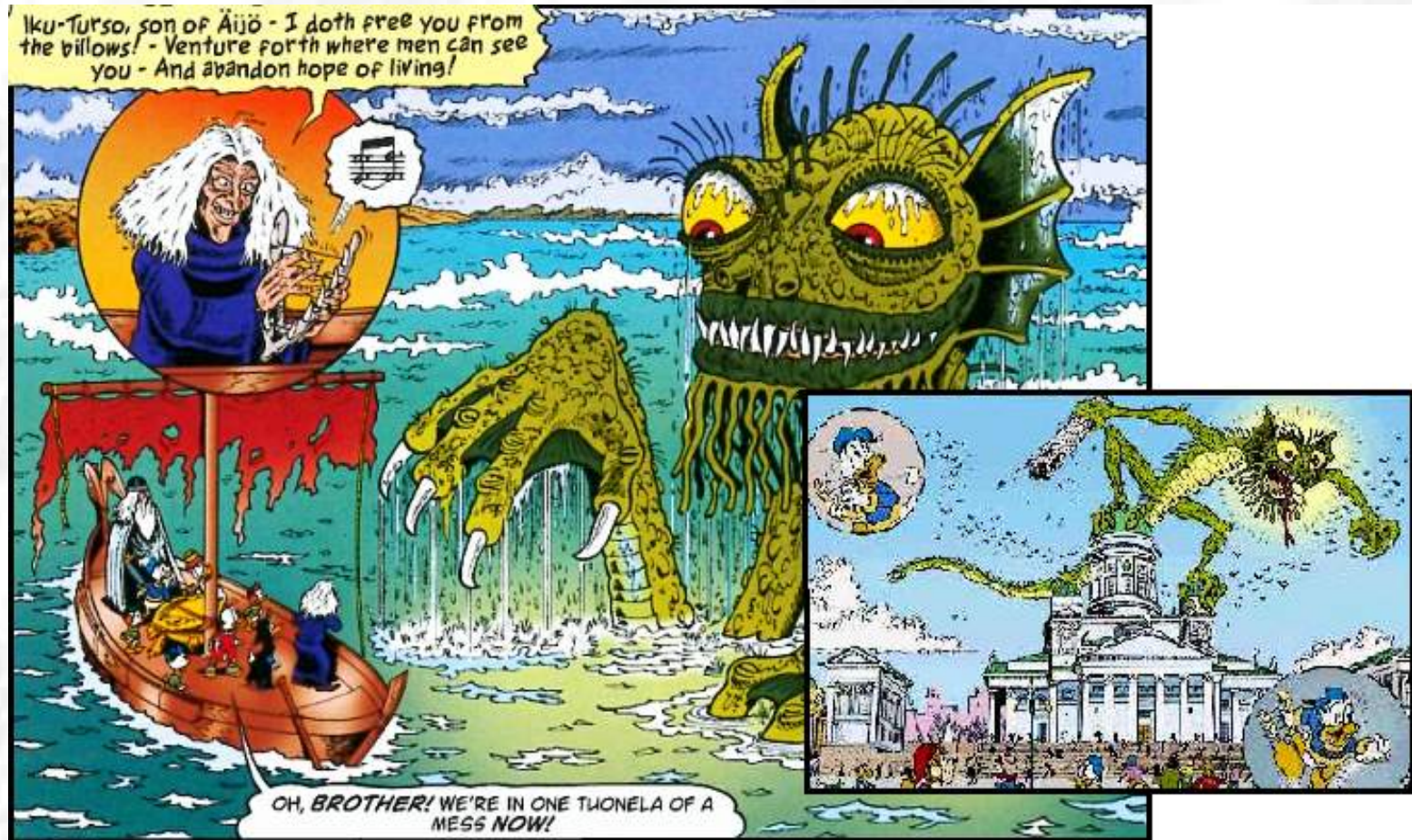
1. Recreating the Sampo



2. Sampo wars



3. Iku-Torso VS Donald



A Disney character

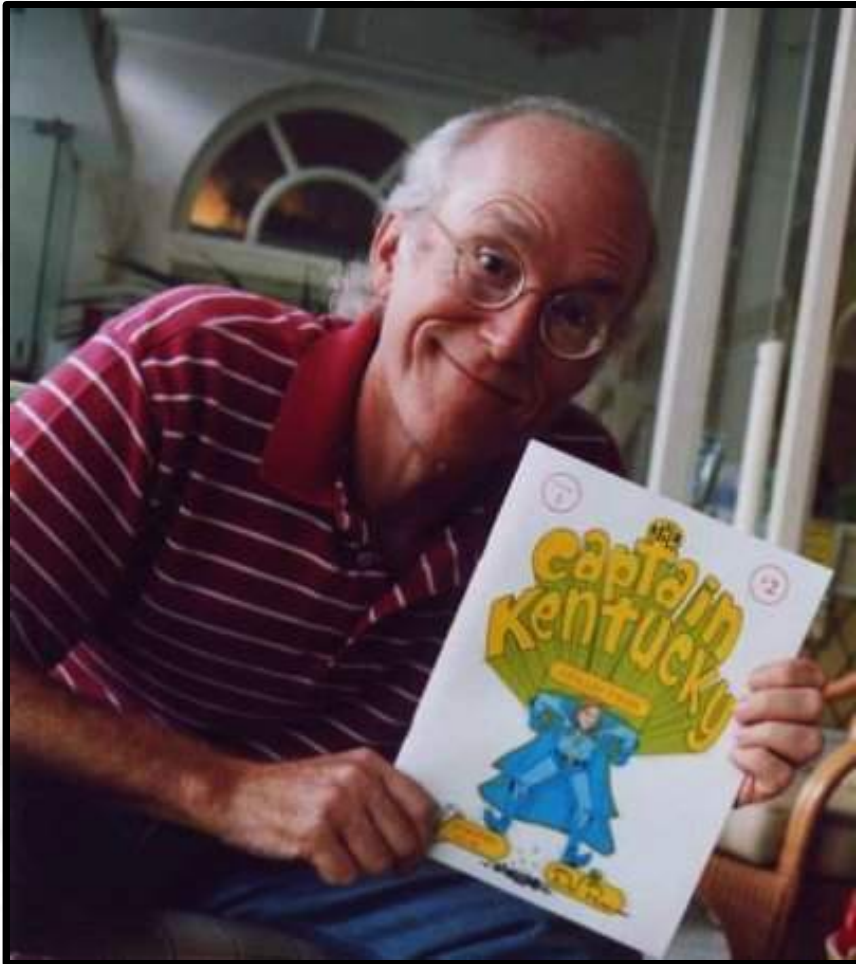
- 1st official apparition in 1934
- Original voice by the imitator Clarence Nash from 1934 to 1983
- His "Godfather": Carl Barks
- Others illustrators: Don Rosa...



A Finnish passion

- The biggest periodical in Finland
- 295,000 copies
- Read by 1.3 million Finns every week
- Huge popularity of Don Rosa

Don Rosa's work



- Special treat for the Finnish fans
- Combination of the two cornerstones of Finnish culture
- Inspired by the comic Koirien Kalevala ("The Canine Kalevala") by Mauri Kunnas

Some facts

- The poetic verse
- Reference to the introduction to Finlandia by Jean Sibelius
- Helsinki depicted in a realistic way as it looked in the 1950s
- A huge success



So...

Haluatteko kysyä jotakin?

(Any questions?)

Kiitos!

