

The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp

Basic Situation:

Where (Setting): Knoxville, Tenn., France, England

When (Time): Present Times

Main Characters:

Alfred Kropp:

15 years old, large for his age, big head, orphan (mother died of cancer – father deserted the family – Uncle Farrell dies)

Bennacio,

The last knight, descended from the knight Bedivere. Mentor for Alfred. Father of Natalia.

Mogart (Mr. Myers)

Former knight turned evil. Once was Samson's squire but was expelled from the order by him.

Main Conflict:

Who (or what) is the conflict between? Good and Evil??

What is the conflict about? A teenager steals the legendary sword Excalibur and lets it fall into evil hands. Now he must get it back, against impossible odds.

Crossing the Threshold: The Theft of the Sword (Ch.s 3-9)

A mysterious stranger named Myers offers Uncle Farrell one million dollars to steal a sword from Bernard Sampson, Uncle Farrell's employer. Breaking into Samson's office one night, Alfred and his Uncle are able to discover the sword's hiding place and steal it, in spite of the unexpected appearance of three hooded strangers who attempt to stop them. On arrival back at Uncle Farrell's apartment they are met by Mr. Meyers, who proceeds to take the sword and kill Uncle Farrell before leaving. After the police leave, Mr. Samson shows up and explains to Alfred that he and the other hooded strangers were all direct decedents of King Arthur and the sword he had stolen was the legendary Excalibur, a weapon of unbelievable power worth a fortune to unscrupulous men.

The Journey Begins: After the Theft (Ch.s 10-13)

Alfred goes to live with his new foster parents, the Tuttles. One day, while eating at McCallister's diner, he saw a white-haired man who looked familiar. It was one of the hooded men, Bennacio, who had tried to stop him from stealing the sword. Alfred finds out from Bennacio that Samson and the other knights had been ambushed and killed by Mogart and his men. He had come back because, for some unknown reason, Samson had wanted Alfred to know what had happened.

The Mentor: Alfred and Bennacio (Ch.s 13-15)

Bennacio is attacked and mortally wounded by Mogart's men. Alfred helps him escape and get back to the hotel room where Bennacio uses some of Alfred's blood to heal his wound. Alfred offers his help and Bennacio tells him he can drive him.

Escaping the Enemy: The run for the boarder (Ch.s 16-18)

Bennacio, still weak from his wound, has Alfred drive him as he attempts to escape his assassins. Alfred finds out that Bennacio is descended from the knight Bedivere and that Mogart, too, was once a knight. Alfred and Bennacio are captured by two of Mogart's henchmen but Bennacio kills and mutilates them both in revenge. They then take the assassins' Ferrari and continue towards Canada.

Refuge: Miriam the Soothsayer (Ch. 19-21)

Alfred and Bennacio find refuge in Pennsylvania at the home of the soothsayer, Miriam. While there, Alfred finds out that he was partially responsible for the death of Miriam's son, Windimar. Miriam also makes a prediction that, when the crucial moment came, he would fail Bennacio and that he (Alfred) would die alone in the dark, his heart pierced by the sword of Mogart. While staying at Miriam's, Alfred has his first dream of the mysterious lady in the white robe sitting under the yew tree who asked him where the true owner of the sword was.

The Flight Continues: Into Canada (Ch.s 22-25)

Leaving the Soothsayer's house and continuing to Canada, Bennacio and Alfred are pursued and attacked by A.O.D.s on motorcycles. Defeating their attackers, they are forced to steal a cop car and then a Jaguar (which Bennacio leaves a blank check for) as they continue to the border. At the Canadian border they are stopped by police and National Guard troops, who mysteriously let them pass after making a phone call to a number that Bennacio gives them.

The Flight Continues: Escape to France with the help of OIPEP (Ch.s 26-31)

Arriving at the airfield in Halifax (Canada) Bennacio and Alfred find their get-a-way plane in flames on the runway and their pilot dead after an attack by A.O.D.s. Waiting for them were more "friends of the sword" and Bennacio's daughter, Natalia. Attacked again, they are forced to call in OIPEP and Mike Arnold to help them escape. Bennacio and the OIPEP agents board a plane bound for France, leaving Alfred behind, when they are attacked yet again, forcing them to pull Alfred onto the plane and take him with them. Aboard the plane, Alfred again dreams of the "lady in white".