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David Stockhoff — 13 Feb 2009, 17:30

Definitely!

Abel's man-crush on Ravd definitely makes him a Percival. ;)

Message: 6

Date: Fri, 13 Feb 2009 07:50:55 -0800 (PST)

From: Scott Wowra <swowra at yahoo.com>

Subject: (urth) Ravd of Redhall

To: urth at urth.net

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Interpretation

The interaction between Able and Ravd in Chapters 4-6 may represent early passages in 'Percival, the Story of the Grail [7]'. Percival is a naive lad of 15, ignorant in the code of chivalry. He encounters a group of knights, and is so impressed by them, resolves to become a knight himself. Percival travels to King Arthur's court, but due to his crude clothes, naive manner, and lack of training, is not well received by Arthur's knights. Outside of Arthur's castle, young Percival bests a knight in red armor. Claiming the armor and charger, Percival is knighted and earns the appellation of the Red Knight.

If Able in some ways represents Percival, the Red Knight, then Ravd of Redhall is the exemplar on which Able models his behavior. "Ravd of Redhall" is therefore a clue inserted by Mr. Wolfe to look to the story of the Red Knight for insights into Able's motivations and development.