Stewart:
The Brave Page

by Owen Sime
n a sunny Spring afternoon, the armory is crowded with knights and squires, blue flags snapping in the wind. Stewart helps Squire Wilmot the Brave put on his chainmail. “Can I go with you?” asks Stewart.

“Not likely. You are a page. Pages aren’t allowed,” says Wilmot. “Bring me my horse.”

After Wilmot and the other men are out of sight, Stewart follows to the forest. Stewart is nervous, never having been into battle.
Stewart tracks the Blue Hawks to a forked path, he can tell which way the Blue Hawks went. He is scared, having never been in the forest alone. He is afraid that the Crimson Corps will find him. Through the trees, he can hear the sounds of battle. He decides to explore the other way.

All of a sudden, a net trap drops down on Stewart. Stewart has been captured! He uses his dagger to cut the net, and escapes.
Stewart feels strong. He managed to get out of the trap.

He stealthily walks deeper into the forest, using trees and undergrowth as cover. He smells wood smoke from a campfire. Being careful to approach the camp, Stewart sees a Crimson Corps banner. He’s found their camp!
He looks around the camp for a few minutes when he hears soldiers returning. Stewart moves to leave, then sees that Squire Wilmot has been captured.

Stewart, not wanting to be noticed, moves towards the back of a tent where Wilmot is being held prisoner. Two soldiers stand guard. Stewart cuts the tent with his dagger, making it fall on the guards. While the guards are squirming under the tent, Stewart grabs Wlimot.
Stewart and Wilmot hear bugles, cheering, and shouts of “Hip Hip Hooray” as they return to the castle. The battle is over. The Blue Hawks triumphed. When the army sees Stewart and Wilmot approach the celebration, Sir Gregory embraces each of them. “I’m so glad to see you. I thought you were dead.”

The next day, Sir Gregory honors Stewart’s bravery in a special ceremony. Stewart feels proud.