

Hero As Werwolf

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m.driussi — 26 Aug 1997, 23:27

Reply: Item #2489873 from URTN at LISTS.BEST.COM@INET01#

Photon,

Right, "loup garou" is French for werewolf.

Re: seven American nights as being along the lines of ARABIAN NIGHTS' ENTERTAINMENTS, yes, as well as "15 Minute Hamlet--Shakespeare for Americans"! (But of course, I see that "seven" and wonder if each day matches up to a planetary day of the week god. Bad twitch on my part.)

So anyway, at the level we might term "titular," SAN is a reworking of ANE (right down to the bone where the hero is Persian rather than Arabian, isn't it? A reflection of the true Persian origins of the "Arabic" masterpiece). If this is a given, and the story-within-story certainly seems standard for ANE, then of course our first question is: which tale of the 1,001 nights of ANE is being retold here? (Just to kick things out of the Judaeo-Christian circuit. <g>)

This is not a rhetorical question! I don't have an answer in mind! An answer would come from someone more familiar with ANE than I--or so I hope.

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