

alga's digesteon

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m.driussi — 28 Aug 1997, 00:31

Reply: Item #7729604 from URTN at LISTS.BEST.COM@INET#

Re: 7AN (oo, alphanumeric!) perhaps not being tied in to any particular tale from 1k1AN. Right, I won't be too disappointed if this tangent doesn't play out. But just for the record it seems like one of the "lonely traveler lured by mysterious woman in the ruins who turns out to be a ghoul" numbers, with maybe the setting in the doomed City of Brass (the most extensive set of ruins I remember from 1k1AN).

Re: the birdish critter at the end: yes, granted the symbols of seasons thing (winter giving way to spring); yes, granted the first ambiguous critter he sees, while suggestive of a bird is not (more antelope); still I think it is neatly and nearly circular the way that the last thing he sees (before getting squished) links back to one of the first, with similar ambiguity which remains unresolved. (In the first case the question was: is it animal or human? The answer is basically "both." In the last question: is it beastman or human or angel, or beastman working for human like Cym wanted to do?)

Re: "Cutthroat," I've been saving this for a while, I don't know why. More tangential than usual, I suppose. Anywho, there might be some connection to the Wolfe story "Redbeard" in STOREYS FROM THE OLD HOTEL. If nothing else, it is as close a tie-in as noting that Severian is referred to at one point as looking like a cutthroat--a few points defining a plain of Wolfe Country.

And here, alga, since I know you like these animule stories so much, while you're at the hotel check into "Sonya, Crane Wessleman and Kitee"

. . . (I'm trying to remember if there are any others, besides "Tracking Song" and "Hero as Werwolf" and "Sonya" . . . maybe "Feather Tigers" in DR. DEATH, but not really).

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