

Parkroads and Grunday

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shannon wilde — 01 Sep 2000, 08:34

Remembering the altered day names in a Sandman issue, I found my box of comics and checked. Dream's work schedule one week had the days as Moonday, Tuesday, Wodensday, Thirstday, Fire'sday, Satyrday, and Son'sday. No Grunday, though, and if there were any other such examples in the series, no bells are ringing for me. I don't suppose it's a reference to Solomon Grundy, who died on Sunday, eh? Oh well.

As to Parkroads, I really don't think Wolfe was doing his Catholic boogie here. I believe he was illustrating the perhaps universal human urge to place the location of paradise and meaning "anywhere but here," whether East(Land of the Sunrise), West(Tir Na N'og), South(Mittelgard), North(Hyperborea), Heaven and Hell, or center (Mt Kaf). Wolfe demonstrates the mythologization of locations in time as well, both within the film (the Golden Mountain Land of the family's past) and in the review (in the possible real, uh, reel of the future, all will be revealed), sending the reader to find meaning outside of the text. No investment here either—it was neat to try to think of this story from an angle other than Borges. Phooey, I get the feeling I'm missing the point, but as a Wolfe fan, I'm used to the sensation, and even enjoy it.

PS A half-bare Bear, in spectacles yet!, delivering a lecture...really? Wow. Really?

Peter Westlake — 01 Sep 2000, 16:27 · follows shannon wilde

At 08:34 2000-09-01 -0700, shannon wilde wrote:
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Thanks for checking, Shannon - maybe it really was just Solomon after all. That was the only recognisable Grunday I found on the net, too.

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get the feeling I'm missing the point, but as a Wolfe fan, I'm used to the sensation, and even enjoy it.

Yes, me too. Why else would I be reading Castlevision yet again! More on that later, perhaps.

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It sounds so much more exciting, put like that :-)

But no - "bear-chested", not "bare", and I was listening rather than talking. The spectacles did show up on my home-made id badge, and I wear contacts, if they count?

Peter.

"Large shambling person in contact lenses and topical T-shirt" doesn't really have the same ring to it....