

Of dogs and wolves

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Peter Cash — 02 Mar 1998, 10:23

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I think the narrator is a dog, specifically a domestic dog who has fallen out of (or ejected from) the car his humans are riding in. ...

Of course, I'm not saying the narrator is a dog literally, but in the same sense that the Wiggikki are wolves, and so forth. The robots obey

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Again, I'm not claiming this story is the dream of a dog, but that that the narrator fills the dog's role in the story.

That makes a lot of sense to me. The fact that all the other "people" in the story are animals (in the same sense, perhaps, that Cordwainer Smith's "underpeople" are animals) makes one ask, "And what kind of animal are you?" of the narrator. It's plain that he's not the same sort of being as drives the Great Sleigh, since he doesn't have angelic wings, but he seems to be closely associated with these beings. Therefore, "dog" seems to be a very good possibility.

Just an enlisted man's opinion.

Sgt. Rock