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Tony Ellis — 03 Mar 1998, 08:46

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"MBS" wrote

2) In a similar vein, I just finished reading "Detective of Dreams" and was wondering if I "got" this one... Something about a church and Jesus... right?

The dreams are all Christ's parables, re-told.

Mark Millman wrote:

It may be relevant to this discussion to note that Kipling wrote a book titled, _Thy Servant, a Dog_.

Yup, and Wolfe is a fan of both Kipling and this story. He talks about it in Castle of the Otter.

Re: the whole Narrator-as-Dog thing

This is an interesting explanation, and I certainly don't have a better one, but it doesn't feel quite right. I was under the impression that the narrator -is- human, precisely because all the other un-humans think he isn't. Also, the robot in the city recognises him as human (as far as I can recall), and it presumably dates back to the time of human population.

As for the beings on the Sleigh having wings... an allegory with angels\heaven is certainly intended, but plenty of winged beings in Wolfe's stories turn out to be human, such as the Long Sun fliers and the Autarch's flying female corps.

I'm going to have to re-read Tracking Song too, I can see...