

Lupine Fan Art

The Urth list — 5 messages, 4 voices, 16 Sep 2004

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James Wynn — 16 Sep 2004, 11:57

PMorris33 at aol.com wrote:

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Thanks Pippin

There was a book published some years ago, called REALMS OF FANTASY (I think), written in part by Robert Holdstock (I think), in which ten of the most famous fantasy worlds were described along with illustrations by various artists, and I believe that Urth was the tenth world depicted. It's been some years since I've seen the book, but I don't recall being particularly impressed with the illustrations.

(The other worlds I remember being in the book were Tolkien's Middle-Earth, Moorcock's Melinbone, Le Guin's Earthsea, Donaldson's Land, and Peake's Ghormenghast. That leaves four more that I can't remember, though.)

I know Pippin's question was about "fan art," but there hasn't been a tremendous amount of "professional art" related to Wolfe either. This Holdstock book is the only Urth-related artwork I've seen (other than the covers, of course).

Charles

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Melnibone

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Yeoman's work but nothing I would hang on a wall or anything.

Earthsea (Le Guin)

Illustrated by Stephen Bradbury

Well-done but in a remarkably "dated" style

The Land (Thomas Covenant Chronicles by Donaldson)

Illustrated by Mark Harrison

The illustrations are okay but mostly unremarkable. Nice picture of Lord Foul's towers.

Mars

illustrations by Dan Woods

Very nice illustrations.

Discusses:

Leigh Brackett's "The Sword of Rhiannon"

H.G. Wells' "War of the Worlds"

Phillip Farmer's "Jesus on Mars"

E.R. Burroughs' novels

C.S. Lewis' "Out of the Silent Planet"

Bradbury's "The Martian Chronicles" and "Thrilling Wonder"

Lost Worlds

illustrations by Bill Donohue

Discusses:

A.C. Doyle's "Lost World"

James Hilton's "Lost Horizon"

H. Rider Haggard's various novels

E.R. Burroughs' novels

Jules Verne's "Journey to the Center of the Earth"

also

Abraham Merrit, Dennis Wheatly, Gary Kilworth, Richard Cowper, Robert Holdstock, and a mention of the French movie "Le Vallee" (which was unremarkable except for its Pink Floyd soundtrack)

Atlantis

illustrations by Chris Foss

Two nice illustrations. I wish there were more.

Discusses:

Plato

Thomas More's Utopia

Sir Francis Bacon's "The New Atlantis"

Abbe Charles-Etienne Brasseur de Bourbourg

Jules Verne's "20K Leagues Under the Sea"

R.E. Howard's "King Kull"

Jane Gaskell's Atlan saga

Tolkien's "Silmarillion"

~ Crush

P.S. I posted all of Charles' post because I wasn't sure how many had seen it but me. But its not my SOP :-)

consuelo jalees — 17 Sep 2004, 03:47 · follows James Wynn

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please don't be too harsh with it, i am an amateur :)

i was very inspired when first reading the BotNS and got the idea into my head to try and do some illustrations as if they were designs for an imaginary film of the series. something i intend to carry on with.

kind regards,

consuelo

Charles Reed — 17 Sep 2004, 07:49 · in reply to James Wynn

Crush,

I'm not a big art connoisseur, but I do get a Tolkien calendar every year (going back to 1974), and I have to admit that I'm little bit a Frank Frazetta fan.

James Wynn wrote:

<snip>

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Thanks for the recap. I looked through this book briefly in a used book store some years ago, and sort-of regret not having picked it up. I might need to look around for it again.

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I've got the BESTIARY, but have yet to read it. Sadly, I can say the same thing about lots and lots of books.

(One of my favorite rhymes is from a wonderful little book called WHISKERS AND RHYMES, and goes like this:

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Books to the sky.
My pile of books
Is a mile high.

How I love them.
How I need them.
I'll have a long beard
By the time I read them.)

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Frazetta is the king. But have you checked out the new Conan comic book, published by Dark Horse? It's written by Kurt Busiek, with art by Carey Nord and coloring by Dave Stewart. The art is unlike any comic book art I've seen before -- you could almost describe it as "raw" -- and I'm really digging it. Everything about the book is amazing in its "channeling" of REH's Conan, and I would go so far as to say that it compares very, very favorably with Frazetta. They're only up to issue 7, so back issues shouldn't be too hard to find, and I'm sure a trade paperback will be out shortly collecting the first few issues. If you can spare \$3.00 a month, you ought to check out an issue or two, although I believe the next issue is going to have a "guest artist" instead Nord.

Charles

Jeff Wilson — 17 Sep 2004, 14:10 · in reply to consuelo jalees

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Jeff Wilson - jwilson at io.com

Lead Playtester, GURPS Ultra-Tech for 4/e

< <http://www.io.com/~jwilson> >

consuelo jalees — 20 Sep 2004, 04:19 · follows Jeff Wilson

In a message dated 9/18/2004 12:04:00 PM Pacific Standard Time, urth-urth.net-request at lists.urth.net writes:

http://www.thisoneis.com/artwork_01.html

http://www.thisoneis.com/artwork_02.html

Let's put this fan art up on the official website. (Assuming that the artist gives permission)

Pip

yes, that is fine with me

consuelo