

lycanthropy and limbs

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Tom Foster — 01 Apr 2006, 08:16

mourning's glory wrote:

How does lycanthropy work if you're maimed in either your human or bestial form? Would a limping human also limp as wolf? Would a foot you gnawed off as a werewolf also remain absent when you morphed back into human? Who's our resident loup-garou authority?

The archetypal werewolf legend concerns a man who goes out hunting whilst his wife is ill in bed. Whilst out, he encounters a huge wolf, and cuts its paw off when it attacks him. He either returns home with the paw and finds his wife with a bandaged stump, or the paw, once severed, turns back into a human hand, with his wife's wedding ring on one of the fingers, depending on the version of the story. There are many variations on the story, but no specific source for the myth, unlike with some other werewolf stories.

Tom