

Good advice from Alan Moore

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Joe Smulkstis — 07 Jun 2007, 11:38

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Dan'I Danehy-Oakes — 07 Jun 2007, 18:43 · in reply to Joe Smulkstis

On 6/7/07, Joe Smulkstis <jismulkstis at nyc.rr.com> wrote:
Daniel,

It's Dan'I. Honest.

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? How did I blow it? At any rate, a favorite song from a favorite album.

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Have been since first hearing "Billy the Mountain" in my freshman year of collitch. And I'm a RC, a Zappa fan -- a fan of "progressive" music in general -- *and* as much of a "feminist" as a man can reasonably be. (I worry about appropriating the term, blablablah.) Not to mention an existentialist, a humanist, a Taoist, and a skeptic. I am large (or at least overweight); I contain multitudes.

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Not in my experience... I think that religious SF readers may be slightly more attracted to Wolfe, but not by a huge margin; and certainly quite a few of the listmembers here (which I take as about as paradigmatic a grouping of Lupines as you'll get) are non-religious.

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Soon, where Toon Town once stood will be a string of gas stations, inexpensive motels, restaurants that serve rapidly prepared food. Tire salons, automobile dealerships and wonderful, wonderful billboards reaching as far as the eye can see. My God, it'll be beautiful.

Daniel D Jones — 07 Jun 2007, 22:16 · in reply to Joe Smulkstis

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I've made the same point a couple of times in the past. A big part of interpreting Wolfe is knowing when to stop.

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I'm neither feminist nor misogynist (I respond to and judge people based on their actions, not their sex, and vehemently uphold equal treatment under the law, but I think radical feminist cross the border into misandry, or perhaps simply misanthropy.) I'm also a huge Zappa fan.

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Roy C. Lackey — 08 Jun 2007, 07:27 · follows Daniel D Jones

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Funny, that parenthetical part was part of an argument I made here years ago concerning who switched the Christmas gifts at Den's maternal grandfather's house. There's no way Santa had time to make two trips to the same house that night.

-Roy