

Eyeflash Miracles: WolfeWiki Content

The Urth list — 10 messages, 6 voices, 21 Jul 2007

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Matthew Groves — 21 Jul 2007, 00:42

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Any thoughts?

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Dan'l Danehy-Oakes — 21 Jul 2007, 02:37 · in reply to Matthew Groves

Assuming that William agreed, I'd be delighted to put it into some kind of usable form.

Does anyone have a current address for him?

On 7/20/07, Matthew Groves <matthewalangroves@gmail.com> wrote:
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Mo Holkar / UKG — 23 Jul 2007, 19:06 · in reply to Matthew Groves

Hi all,

Just a quick update on how things are going over at WolfeWiki.

I hope Dan'l won't mind me singling him out for having done some terrific work sorting, systematizing and writing. The pages are filling up gradually, but it'd be great to have some more voices contributing. Not just Wolfe experts, anyone who wants to help the project along will be very welcome as there's plenty of routine work still to do!

A few of the pages that have been set up:

Front page: <http://www.holkar.net/pmwiki/pmwiki.php?n=WolfeWiki.Introduction>

Contents: <http://www.holkar.net/pmwiki/pmwiki.php?n=WolfeWiki.Contents>

Page on the recent story Unrequited Love:
<http://www.holkar.net/pmwiki/pmwiki.php?n=Stories.UnrequitedLove>

Page on Long Sun
<http://www.holkar.net/pmwiki/pmwiki.php?n=WolfeWiki.TheBookOfTheLongSun>

And to sign up as a contributor:
<http://www.holkar.net/pmwiki/pmwiki.php?n=Admin.BecomingAnEditor>

best,

Mo

Recursive Loop — 24 Jul 2007, 14:27 · in reply to Mo Holkar / UKG

Greetings:

I'm working through "Shadow" for the first time since...ummm...mumble...looks up and whistles..can't be THAT LONG!

Anyway, it is going to be a while before I feel confident enough to contribute to this, but the efforts are helping me on this go-round.

(Sometimes I feel, as I'm reading, I should be carrying a notebook to jot down words and words and words...words that I want to learn, look up, start using. This time around I'm reading it less for a story than an appreciation for the craft).

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Dan'l Danehy-Oakes — 24 Jul 2007, 16:30 · in reply to Mo Holkar / UKG

On 7/23/07, Mo Holkar / UKG <lists at ukg.co.uk> wrote:
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Dan'l Danehy-Oakes, writer, trainer, bon vivant

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Paul B — 24 Jul 2007, 17:48 · in reply to Dan'l Danehy-Oakes

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Dan'l Danehy-Oakes — 24 Jul 2007, 19:48 · in reply to Paul B

Paul,

Go to the bottom of the Contents page, and click the link for "Discussion of edits, structure, etc." We're working on that. I've created bogey templates for story and novel pages, but obviously they can be improved upon.

Also, look at the page for "Unrequited Love" (via the "Stories Available Online" link). I'm not suggesting that this is THE WAY to do it, but it's a first-blush attempt -- this is a wiki, make it better!

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Mo Holkar / UKG — 24 Jul 2007, 20:44 · in reply to Paul B

At 18:48 24/07/2007, you wrote:

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Not at all hard -- at the moment, while knowledge of the wiki is limited to members of this list, we're allowing anyone who wants to sign up as a contributor:

<http://www.holkar.net/pmwiki/pmwiki.php?n=Admin.BecomingAnEditor>

If it continues to grow to the point where we observe "bad" contributor behaviour, then we'll tighten up on things.

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What we've tried to do so far is to create "rigidly defined areas of doubt and uncertainty" (in the words of Douglas Adams) -- each work has a factual area and a separate interpretative area. Of course this is all up for grabs as the consensus of users evolves, but hopefully it's a workable starting situation.

best wishes,

Mo

aaron — 25 Jul 2007, 05:39 · in reply to Mo Holkar / UKG

I would love to contribute something. Let me know what section needs the most attention at the present and I will be happy to jump on it. My knowledge of Wolfe and his work is pretty thorough, and I am sure most who post here could say the same. I do not claim any knowledge about Letters Home and a couple of the other rare books, but for the most part, I am familiar with his body of work. Let me know. Thanks.

Aaron Singleton

Mo Holkar / UKG — 25 Jul 2007, 17:12 · in reply to aaron

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Aaron Singleton

Hi Aaron (and anyone else who's thinking the same),

That's great! I guess a good place to dive in might be to start working through the individual stories and novels with which you're most familiar / have closest to hand, setting their pages up using the templates: <http://www.holkar.net/pmwiki/pmwiki.php?n=Templates.StoryTemplate> <http://www.holkar.net/pmwiki/pmwiki.php?n=Templates.NovelTemplate> and filling those in with as much or as little detail as you feel happy to.

Dan's examples:

<http://www.holkar.net/pmwiki/pmwiki.php?n=WolfeWiki.TheShadowOfTheTorturer>

<http://www.holkar.net/pmwiki/pmwiki.php?n=OnlineStories.UnrequitedLove> show how the templates are intended to be used. The templates themselves are only pro tem, of course, so if you think they could be improved upon, go right ahead.

But apart from that, please do feel free to add, correct or improve anything else that you see as you wander around the site,

best wishes,

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