

Random Wolfe spottings

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Nigel Price — 09 Dec 2008, 10:38

Gwern Branwen wrote...

"BUYING A HORSE
If its feet are no good, other virtues will be wasted.
Gene Wolfe, Barrington, Illinois"

Hm!

Another Google search reveals no hits; does anyone
recognize what the source for this might be?

The short answer is "No," but the vague and not terribly helpful longer answer is "Hmmm, that rings a bell..."

It could be from either of the first two soldier books, but I think it's from "The Wizard Knight".

Nigel

David Stockhoff — 09 Dec 2008, 20:00 · follows Nigel Price

*Really useful stuff!

Yes, Wizard Knight feels like the right answer. How about the rest of them?

I'm not sure if that last one is because the bullet travels faster than sound, or something else is meant. Surely you can hear a gunshot and be wounded ...

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brunians at brunians.org — 09 Dec 2008, 20:09 · in reply to David Stockhoff

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Yes, Wizard Knight feels like the right answer. How about the rest of them?

I'm not sure if that last one is because the bullet travels faster than sound,

Yes. If there are a lot of gunshots going off at once, you may not even be able to clearly distinguish the one associated with the bullet that hit you seconds ago. What you hear are the supersonic whistles of the bullets going past (and of course if one hits you you won't hear that one).

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Unless you are very close, you can be wounded and then hear a gunshot, the other way doesn't work.

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