

Avern Duel Tee Shirt

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Dan'l Danehy-Oakes — 13 Feb 2009, 18:49 · in reply to Son of Witz

Nice picture. Very surprising music.

On Fri, Feb 13, 2009 at 10:19 AM, Son of Witz

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Son of Witz — 13 Feb 2009, 20:18 · follows Allan Anderson

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Allan Anderson — 14 Feb 2009, 00:13 · follows Son of Witz

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It's really challenging trying to do something that will adhere to the text. my own inspirations are much more sloppy.

for laughs, here's a very sloppy recent inspiration, BANANA BARBARIAN:

<http://tinyurl.com/bxyggw>

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Gwern Branwen — 14 Feb 2009, 17:33 · in reply to Son of Witz

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depicting the sun with an unhappy or afflicted face would be period for a woodcut, but spooky clouds partially obscuring the disk of the sun is also a possibility

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