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Verse the second in The Ballad of Wuntvor...in which an uninformed apprentice learns what comes after "Once upon a time..."

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Todd Martin says

Although it begins with clever ideas, it quickly gets old as the clever ideas repeat themselves like an overused third grade joke. Seriously, as Mark Twain would say, "the novel goes nowhere and arrives in the air."

Captain Jack says

What was that I just read? The dialogue, to me, wasn't particularly clever, though I think it was intended to be, and the scenes seemed forced. There were things that didn't make sense, unless they were meant to be part of the cleverness. For instance, the wolf blows down a house, which results in pieces of it flying up into the air. Only then does the wolf realise that the pieces were weapons such as arrows, scimitars, broadswords and knives. Looking up, he sees them about to rain down on him, so he legs it.

Well, how is it physically possible for the wolf to have blown this house down and the strangely constructed debris from it goes straight up into the air and then straight down again? Or, again, is this part of the cleverness? And why does the wolf then run away from the raining weapons into the woods? All he had to do was wait a minute or less for the danger to pass, whereupon he could then have devoured his victims that had been inside the house.

I like books to make sense, and this one seemed to be in short supply of it.

Joey V. says

Someone else recently described this as *Groundhog Day* meets *Shrek*, and I honestly can't think of a better way to put it. This should have been a single chapter diversion, but gets padded out to 150 pages of *Nothing Actually Happening*. There's nothing to see here that you haven't seen before except Jeffrey the Wolf. He's new. If you own one of the omnibus editions, it's okay, but really (assuming book 3 recaps the final chapter) you can actually skip this book. Only one single thing of any importance happens, and it is literally the last page of the book.

Rae Dy says

I got tired reading the same scene every time. But still, I manage to finish this book. Ha!

Linda says

Think **Groundhog Day** meets **Shrek** only not as good and you'll have some idea of this second installment in the *Ballad of Wuntvor*. Wuntvor finds himself stuck in Mother Duck's Fairy Tales and all the normal chaos ensues. Exactly the same chaos that Gardner's been dishing for five books now without variation.

Fortunately, there is only one book left.

Andy says

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