



OTHER KIN

(noun)

otherkin; plural noun: otherkins; plural noun: otherkin a person who identifies as non-human, typically as being wholly or partially an animal or mythical being.

- George Grace Gibson -
- Foreword by Izzy Kroese-

For too long have we been in these bodies. These bodies pushed and changed by predators and climate, then held stagnant by technological advances and comforts. The human body feels unchanging and the pain of that stasis has never been searing but a long dull ache as the slow reality of biological evolution sets in. What were we before this? We came from gas, fluid; we developed mass; we lived in water until we crawled onto the land. From scales grew fur. We didn't ask for this but it happened anyway. Chosen by our parents and their parents through time and time and time, shaping my hands into four fingers and an opposable thumb while I lose my tail cos it started to look weird and they told me to stop climbing trees.

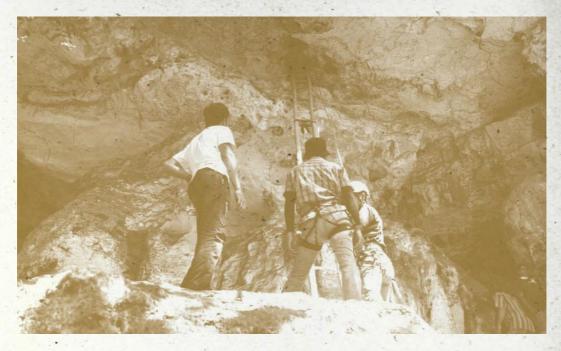
When we think of bodily freedom we can't think of medications, knives, threads and anaesthesia. We've heard once they cut something off you start hating something else instead anyway. We don't long to look at home in a swimsuit competition or to be able to walk into a public restroom without a soft hand on our shoulder. We want to piss on their lamp posts. We are not the first and we will not be the last. I have found our brothers and sisters; we are everywhere, and always. We are in their workplaces, their schools. We are written into their histories, their blockbusters. They document us unknowingly, unaware.

And so, friends; I have found our brothers and sisters. I have explored their catalogues and archives, excavated what I can. Through their mess, I have found our brothers and sisters.

We can recognise ourselves in a way that no one else can. A moment of eye contact and a nod in the street. Blink and you'll miss it but I see you. I see you as you are. I see your flesh your hair your teeth your eyes your cuts and bruises your sweat your fur your talons your claws your tail your wings.

I see your phantom limb.

Do you see mine?



The earliest known cave paintings known to be discovered depicts part-human, part-animal figures hunting large animals, Upper Paleolithic 50,000 to 10,000 BP, Indonesia.



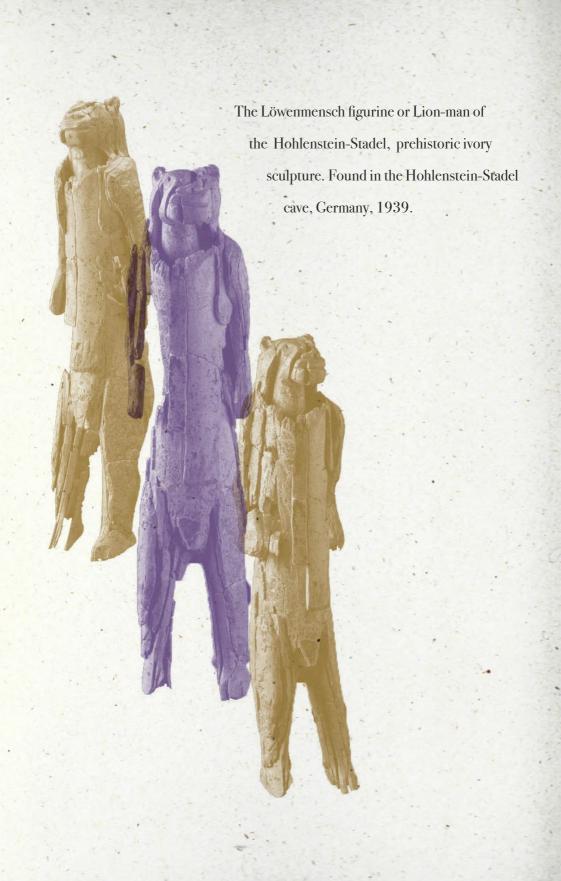






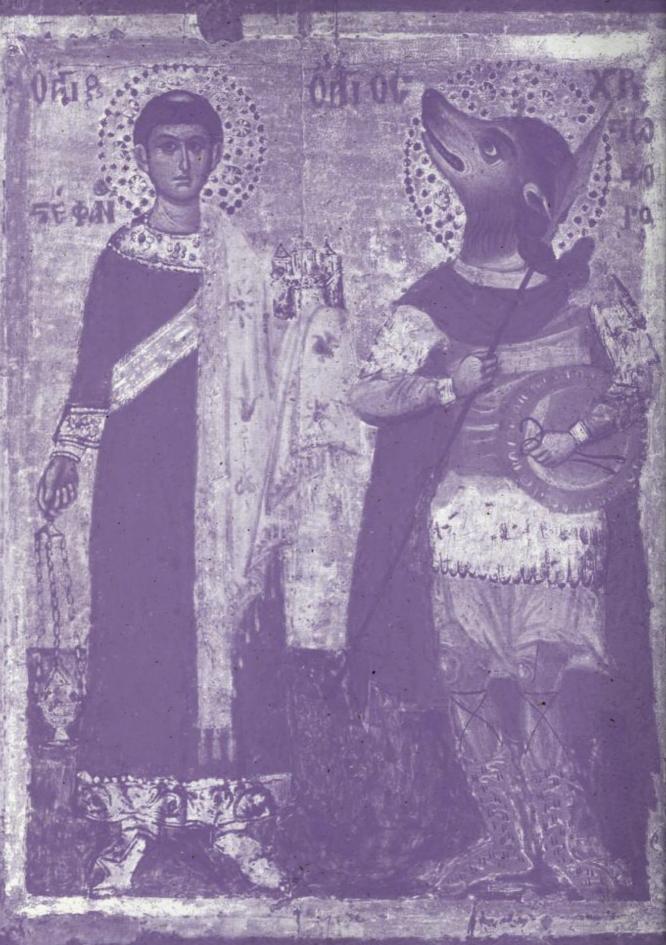
Above: Reproduction of the Henri Breuil sketch, 1920, of 'The Sorcerer' cave art from 'The Sanctuary' in Cave of the Trois-Frères, Ariège, France, dated around 12,000 BC.

Left: Panel of engravings on the right hand wall of the Sanctuary, a composition involving hunting, magic, and shamanic ritual.





Ancient Egyptian stele depicting the god Amun-Ra as a man, goose, and ram, artist unknown artist; 25th (Nubian) Dynasty (ca. 700 BCE).

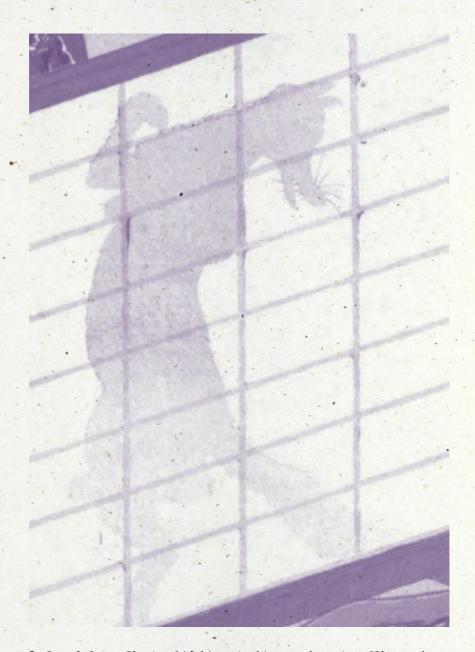




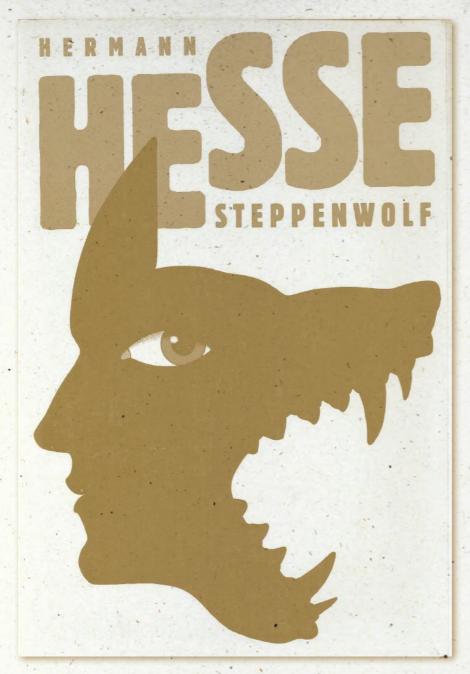
Left: Saint Stephen and Saint Christopher (1700s), unknown painter.

Above: Cynocephalus from the Nuremberg Chronicle, Hartmann Schedel (1493), illustrated by Michael Wolgemut and Wilhelm Pleydenwurff.





Left and above: Kuniyoshi Ichiyusai, ukiyo-e color print of Kuzunoha the fox-woman by Utagawa Kuniyoshi, 1889-1892.



Above: Hermann Hesse, Steppenwolf. Originally published in Germany, 1927, by S. Fischer Verlag.

Right (top): Examples of Steppenwolf cover art.

Right (bottom): Promotional posters for the film adaption of Steppenwolf, (1974). Directed by F. Haines. US.

In his heart he was not a man, but a wolf of the steppes. The world-famous novel of a man's struggle toward liberation.

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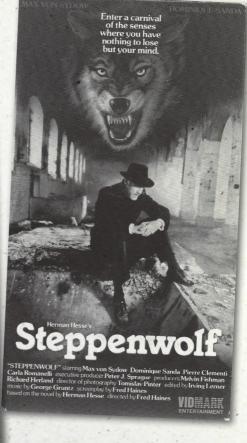
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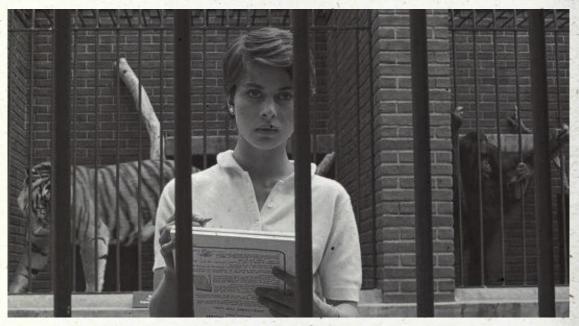


TREATISE ON THE STEPPEN WOLF
An artist's revelation in forty-five paintings by Jaroslav Bradac



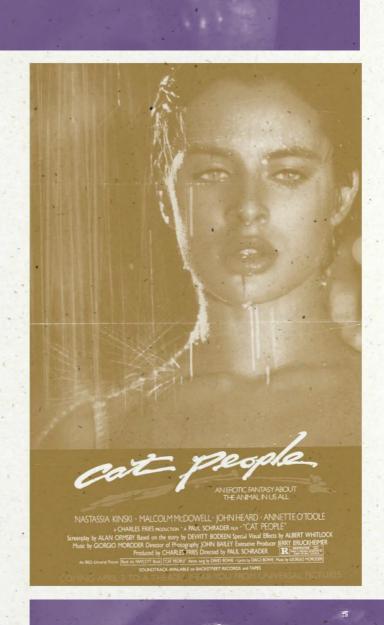


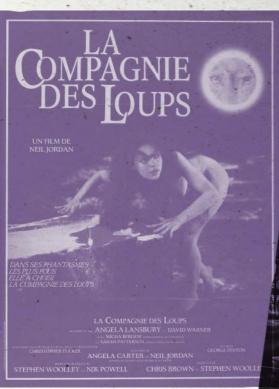


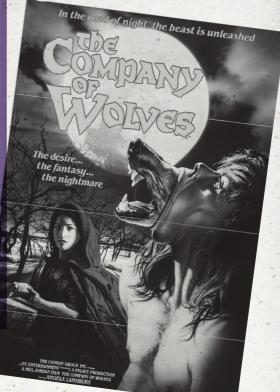


Above: Cat People. (1982). Directed by P. Schrade. US: Universal Pictures.

Right: Promotional poster for Cat People.



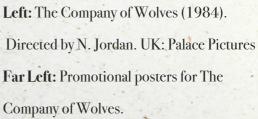




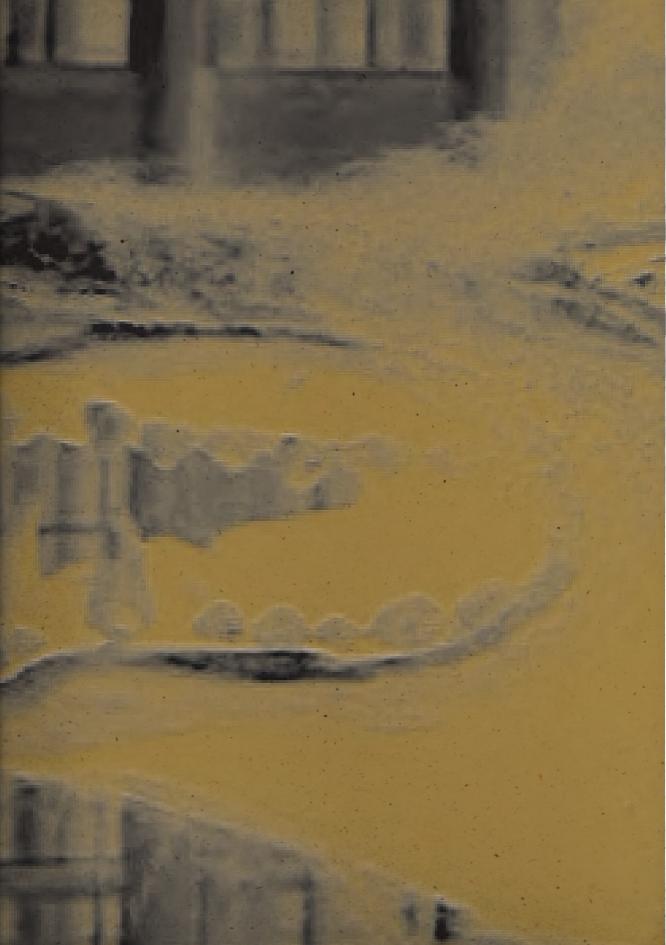
















Above: Batman Returns. (1992). Directed by T. Burton. US: Warner Bros.

Right: Google search result for "cat woman halloween".



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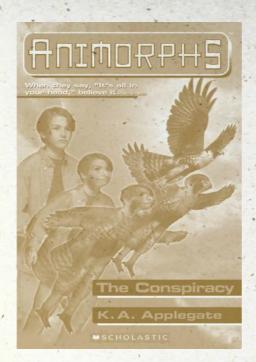


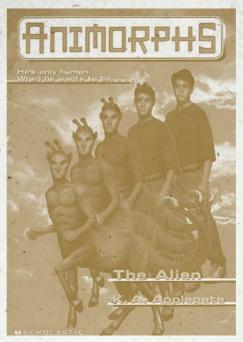
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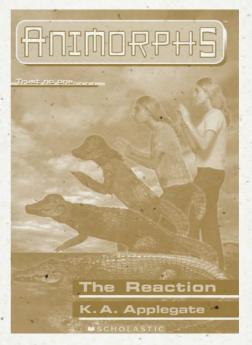












Previous page: Howling III. (1987). Directed by P. Mora.

US: Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

Above: Animorphs Young Adult fiction series, written by Katherine Applegate and Michael Grant, published by Scholastic, UK, June 1996–May 2001 (original run) and May 2011–September 2012 (re-issue).



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Left: Cover art for
Animorphs video game,
released for Game Boy
Colour by Ubisoft in 2000.
Above: Animorphs
gameplay.







Previous page: Brother Bear. (2003) Directed by A. Blaise and R. Walker. US: Walt Disney Pictures.

Above and next page: Princess Mononoke. (1997). Directed by H. Miyazaki. Japan: Studio Ghibli.









Black Swan. (2010). Directed by D. Aronofsky. US: Fox Searchlight Pictures.



Above: Dragonmaster Outcast, Magic The Gathering card.

Right: Druid flight forms (Troll, Tauren and Night Elf),

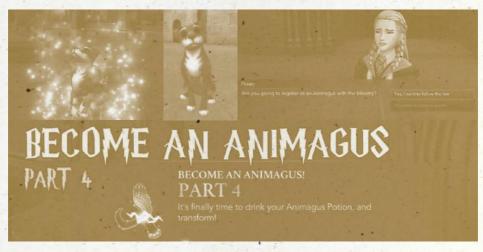
World of Warcraft gameplay, 2016











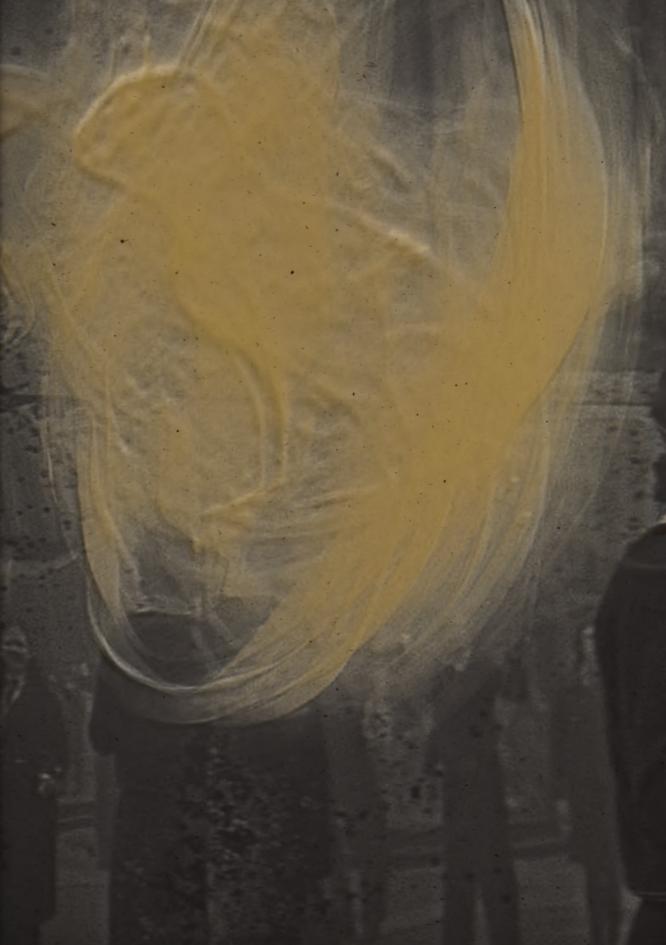


Left and above: Harry Potter: Hogwarts Mystery gameplay, Animagus Adventure Walkthrough side quest.

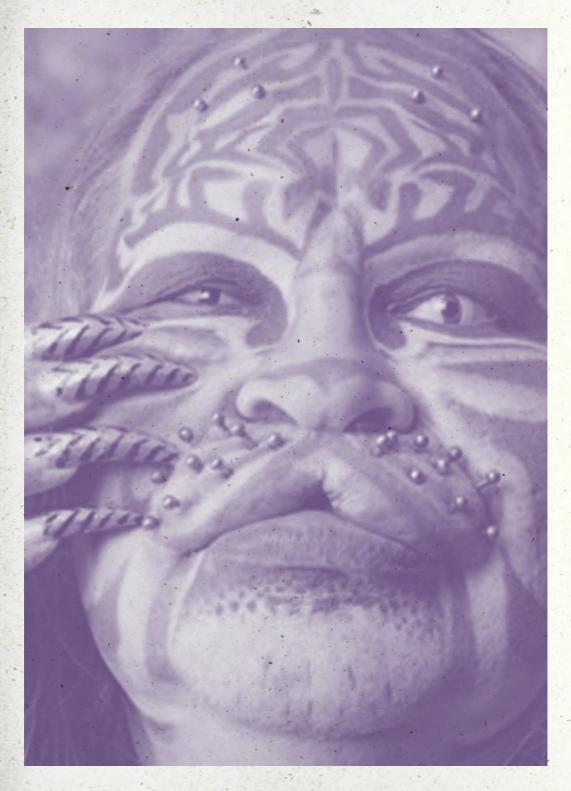
Next page: Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix. (2007).

Directed by D. Yates. UK: Warner Bros. Pictures.









Stalking Cat (born Dennis Avner; August 27, 1958 – November 5, 2012)



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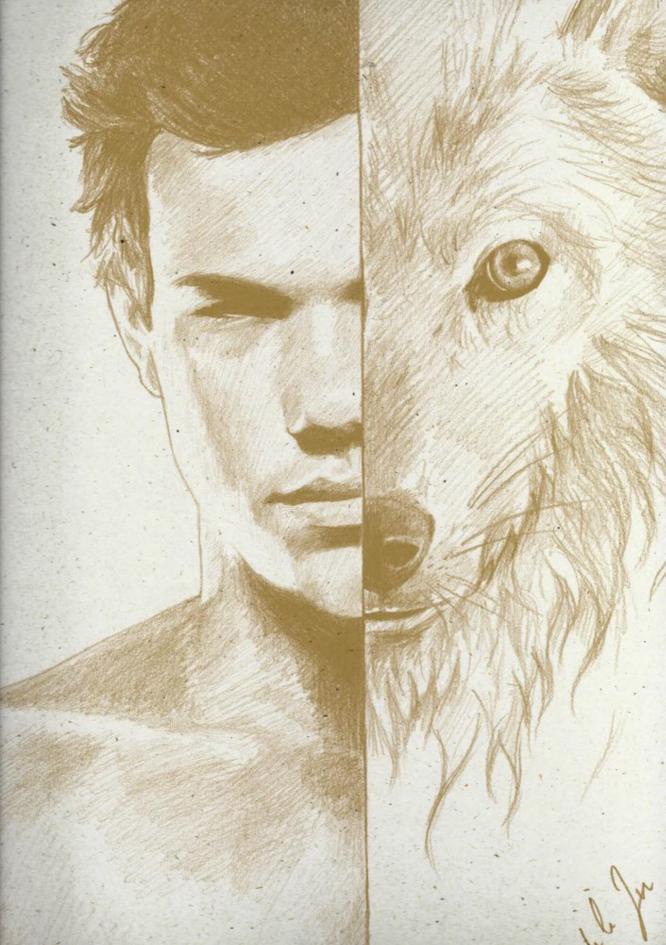




Bella and the Wolf (HD)

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Left: Bella and the Wolf (HD), twilightstoday. Available at: https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=vRqU-93mHns Right: Twilight Fan Art by Lili Ju.



Right: Viral clip of 'half wolf half kitten'

Witten Girl, from twitter account

@gaywithyourdad.

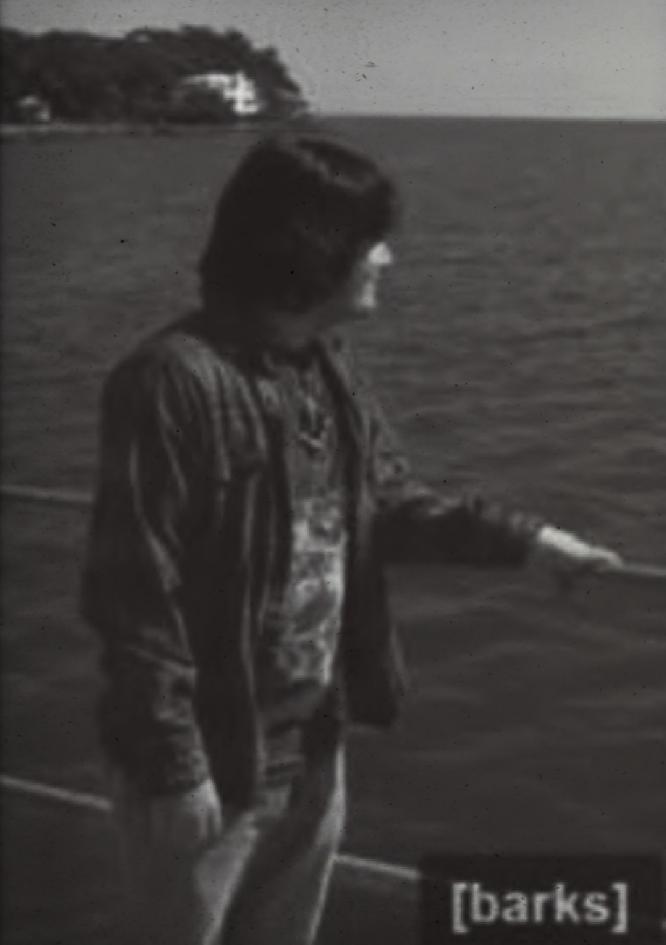
Below and far right: What?! I Think I'm an

Animal (2013), US: ZigZag Productions.















Left and above: Years and Years. (2019). Directed by S. Jones, screenplay by R. T Davies. UK: Red Production Company.





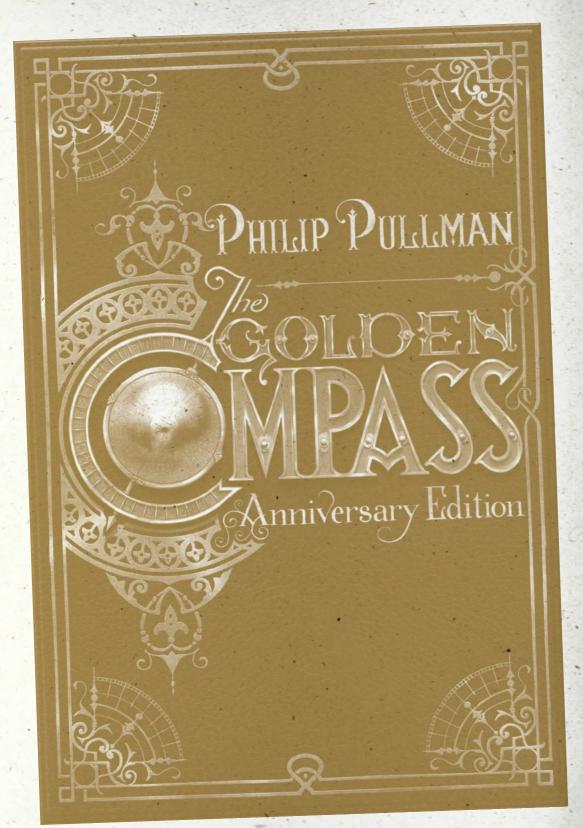






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Left: The Golden Compass, Philip Pullman. 20th Anniversary edition published 2015, Alfred A. Originally published in 1995, Scholastic UK.

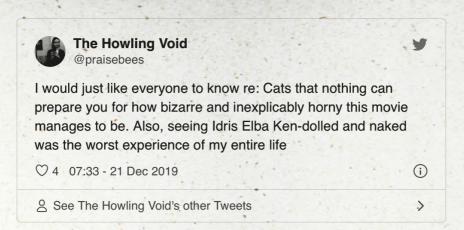
Above: What Form Would Your Daemon Take? His Dark Materials based Buzzfeed.com quiz, Natalya Lobanova, 2019.

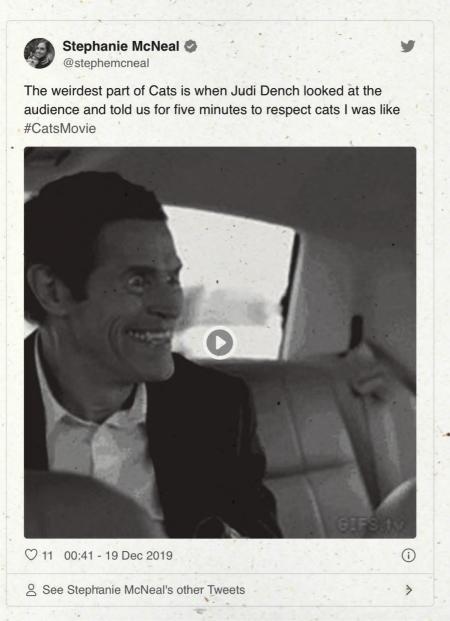
Next page: His Dark Materials TV series (2019). Written by J. Thorne.

UK; Bad Wolf

















Cats. (2019). Directed by T. Hooper. UK/US: Universal Pictures.





Left: Tweets from 'Hilarious Twitter Responses To The 'Cats' Moyie', N. Levine for Refinery29.com.



Talonedfeet 9 points · 2 months ago

The movie kinda looks what Phantom Limbs (and ears) look like, from what I've seen in the trailer. Or it looks like a M-shift, hahah. Dislike how their faces are human, and their noses are humanoid instead of a cat's nose. But anyways, I like these strange movies that makes people confused, as if they get under my skin a little bit.

"See? That's how it feels like."

alynnafoxie fae kitsune 5 points 2 months ago

Just one furry could have saved the whole production...

Above: Image found on r/Otherkin and comments posted on a reddit thread: 'Any CatKin on here? What did you guys think of the new Cats movie musical?', 2019.

Right: Otherkin symbol and quote from the foreword to Other Kin (2020), Izzy Kroese.



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Other Kin, 2020

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