

Re: proof that most etymologies are only fairy-tales

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Franz Gnaedinger wrote:

Apparently nobody is willing to defend the PIE etymologies of English bear German Bär Dutch beer (the bown one, or the wild one, or the overcomer).

This isn't a self-contained game in which the people present are required to start from the same position. The PIE etymology is defended already, by the people who came up with it and anyone who later commented on it. If you want to know what the justification for it is, do the research. The support it has received has nothing to do with the people currently sitting in this newsgroup.

[snipping Franz's "just-so" story; Rudyard Kipling's stories were intended as entertainment, not masqueraded as research]

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