WILD SIDE of the WINDOW:

A Story Of Boy-Meets-Girl, But Girl Is Engaged To Someone Else, So Boy, Against His Better Judgment, Goes to Another Dimension To Find Her Mirror Image But Gets Tangled Up In A Complex Web Of Interdimensional Intrigue And Revolt

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INTRODUCTION* and SYNOPSIS

(*Or, perhaps, a spiel. Or maybe a disclaimer. Or, most likely, a babbling, sweaty-palmed attempt to explain myself and this sure-fire best-seller to-be.)

- Q: What is Wild Side Of The Window: A Story Of Boy-Meets-Girl, But Girl Is Engaged To Someone Else, So Boy, Against His Better Judgment, Goes To Another Dimension To Find Her Mirror Image But Gets Tangled Up In A Complex Web Of Interdimensional Intrigue And Revolt?
- A: Well, the forty-six word title sort of says it all, but what is it really? Well; it's a love story. Sort of. No, it's really kind of a fantasy-adventure in the age-old tradition of.... Maybe not. I know! It's this kind of amusing parody that pokes gentle fun at everything from *Alice In Wonderland* to comic book superheroes to certain politicians. Yeah, that's it. But come to think of it, it's also a fairy tale because I start out with "Once upon a time" and end up with "happily ever after." Let's put it this way: It's a romantic fairy tale fantasy-adventure parody in no particular order.
- Q: Let me rephrase the question: What is Wild Side Of The Window: Etc., etc. about?
- A: It's about two hundred eighty pages.
- Q: Who would read this book? Who is it for?
- A: Oh, that's easy. It's for anyone who's ever fallen in love and then belatedly realized that maybe it wasn't such a good idea for whatever reason. It's for people who read lots of comic books and for people who don't. It's for nice guys and the women who snubbed them. It's for people who crack bad puns and the people who groan at them. It's for people who are literate, intelligent and can laugh at Bugs Bunny cartoons. It's also for people who aren't so literate and intelligent, but can still laugh at Bugs Bunny cartoons anyway. It's for....
- Q: Okay, I get the idea. Is there anyone to whom you would not recommend *Wild Side Of The Window: Etc.*, etc.?
- A: I would not recommend my book to anyone who saw *Star Wars* or *Who Framed Roger Rabbit?* and then, at the end, said "I don't get it." If you're searching for lots of sex and violence, search on.
- Q: Why should people read this book?
- A: No dolphins were killed in its production and it contains hardly any toxic by-products.

- Q: We've got some space left. Would you like to say something about the story?
- A: Okay, I'm game: "Something about the story."
- Q: Talk about the damn story!

PART ONE: WUJU'S WORLD

College student Martin Woo-Julanski is in love with his co-worker, Janet, who, despite being very fond of him, is engaged to Phil. Wuju's friend, Art, owns a magic shop and, before you can say "bad judgment," they conjure the mirror image of Janet out of a parallel dimension. Almost as soon as they do that, Wuju's own counterpart from that dimension kidnaps her and Wuju must go to her rescue.

PART TWO: WUJU IN WONDERLAND

Wuju arrives in the Mirrorverse and discovers a world of talking animals, superheroes, fabulous beasts and the descendants of some Lewis Carroll characters. This world, furthermore, is under the tyrannical rule of the Jubjub Bird and her super-powered henchmen who include the mysterious Dr. Destiny, and his sidekick, Destiny Lad. Wuju is promptly captured by a band of revolutionaries who inform him that his counterpart in the Mirrorverse is the head of the Jubjub Bird's secret police.

While Wuju and his new allies plot to have him infiltrate the secret police and rescue Janet, the evil Wuju sends his pet griffin, Commander Griff, to Earth where he kidnaps the original Janet. Wuju and his friends, manage to get into the Jubjub Bird's stronghold and free both Janets, and even take a prisoner, Destiny Lad. Destiny Lad turns out to be the Mirrorverse's version of Janet's fiancé, Phil.

PART THREE: WAR OF THE WUJUS

Accused of being a co-conspirator, Destiny Lad is forced to throw in his lot with Wuju and company as they seek to escape from the Bird's mountain stronghold. They are granted sanctuary by the mountain's other occupants, the Weyre Dragons and their riders. Not willing to break an uneasy truce with the dragons, evil Wuju lures the Mirrorverse's Janet into a trap, forcing Wuju, Destiny Lad and Earth's Janet to risk breaking into evil Wuju's villa to find her.

Almost as soon as Wuju, Destiny Lad and the two Janets are reunited, they are separated again. Destiny Lad and Earth's Janet must face the terror of the Jubjub Bird. Meanwhile Wuju and the Mirrorverse's Janet escape with the timely help of the high-flying Mach Turtle. Evil Wuju pursues them through several dimensions, astride Commander Griff. They wind up in a shopping mall on Earth where Wuju must finally face... himself.

- A: There! Satisfied?
- O: Who wouldn't be?