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Reading Journal Assignment #9

I am hoping that the topic of my research paper will be the Olivier's Freudian masculine Hamlet versus *Strange Brew*'s Nielsen feminine Hamlet. The paper may also contain nuances of "Hamletism," the theory of Olivier that Hamlet was "the tragedy of man who could not make up his mind" and how that compares to the Hamlet of *Strange Brew*.

My thesis statement would be loosely: Olivier uses Freudian psychology to develop his Oedipal Hamlet, while *Strange Brew* portrays a classic feminine Neilsenian Hamlet.

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Abstract: This essay presents a psychoanalytic and psychobiographical account of Laurence Olivier's "Hamlet". The author appeals to the director's memoirs and contemporary theoretical contributions to the theory of narcissism, while both reviewing passive Oedipal and narcissistic issues in Olivier's early years and providing a new close reading for the film.

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