

The Changeling in Orbit

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Nutria, you're in good company in your puzzlement over "Changeling;" when Damon Knight reprinted "Changeling" in a best-of Orbit collection from the first ten volumes; he prefaced it with a letter to Wolfe written when he bought the story in which he confesses that he "can't sort it out into any one consistent, linear, daylight-logic pattern." According to Knight, Wolfe revealed the secret years later when he whispered to him "The old man is dead, you know."

I'm not sure if this clears things up for me, though; is the "old man" the "Changeling" (Peter Palmer/Palmieri) in which case we have a PEACE-like scenario or is the old man Wolfe is referring to the father of Peter's boyhood playmate that Palmer/Palmieri visits (if I've got the details right).

I'd be interested in seeing your questions.

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