

'Westwind'

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Alex David Groce — 16 Oct 1998, 15:23

Wolfe says in the intro. to Storeys from the Old Hotel that the your interpretation is what he was aiming at. Doesn't mean other interpretations can't hold water, of course, but Wolfe was aiming at the God version. Actually, I think that's the more natural interpretation, as well--for me at least, the dictator version only began to exist for me after I heard someone else explain the story that way. It doesn't fit the feel of the story, in my opinion.

On Oct 16, 3:06pm, Michael Straight wrote:

Subject: Re: (urth) 'Westwind'

On Fri, 16 Oct 1998, Dan Parmenter wrote:

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Dan Parmenter — 16 Oct 1998, 11:51 · follows Alex David Groce

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