

Wolfe Reader Scale

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Well, okay--another way to do it would be to develop a "Reader Scale." Carrying on from vizcacha's vector, re commentators on PEACE tending to become mantic or borskian, grafted onto an easy five stage scale. From super-cautious to wildly speculative:

1--manlove? (So cautious that one denies Dorcas as resurrected and/or grandmother)

2--gordon?

3--vizcacha, the paragon of balance (alas, too often left unexpressed; i.e., a silent majority of unexamined assumptions)?

4--mantic (hi there <wave>)

5--borski

But where to put John Clute? Is =he= the balance? Or is Joan Gordon the balance? Gordon is certainly more conservative in her reading than Clute is--no Autarch Catherine for her! (Then again, Gordon doesn't reveal [to the best of my limited knowledge] that Number Five's name is "Gene Wolfe," a juicy tip we owe to Clute.)

And what about Peter Wright?

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