

Peace

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CRCulver — 24 Jan 1999, 01:08

How quiet this list has been lately. We have not discussed everything in the non-LS works of Wolfe, so there is not reason no one is talking.

I'm re-reading PEACE, and this time I am approaching it with the knowledge that Weer is dead. I am puzzled, however, by the other characters of the book in the office of Dr. Van Ness in the novel's early pages. I do not know whether these characters are recreations out of Weer's memory, or perhaps fellow deceased persons awaked by the storm which resurrected Weer.

The way these characters engage in small talk, as if they actually were alive and waiting to see the doctor, make me think they are resurrected just as Weer is. On the other hand, the way Wolfe is aloof from them seems to mean that he knows they are dead and are merely recreations of the townspeople he knew.

I have some more questions to raise about Weer's status, but I shall save those for after I know people are still out there <g>

Cheers,

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