

Lafferty

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Alex David Groce — 16 Feb 1999, 12:19

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"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free." - John 8:32

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Date: Tue, 16 Feb 1999 12:19:19 -0500 wrote:

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I too like Lafferty, but all too often often I don't "get it". Sometimes I'm not so sure what there is to get, which may be related to why most of his later work only saw print from obscure presses. Last spring mantis was wondering where else in fiction he had read about the "fake" Venus de Milo. It rang a bell. I thought it was from the Master Forger bits in _Where Have You Been, Sandalotis?_, but I couldn't find it there. Oh, well. Thanks for the input.

Roy