

Perfect Pulp

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David_Lebling — 10 May 1999, 10:12

William Ansley suggests that every now and then, like the unwatched fall of a sparrow, Wolfe makes a mistake. Well, he's actually admitted to one, on this very list. When we got to ask him impertinent questions about the Long Sun books, he admitted that a mysterious appearance of (hmm, let me think here...) Maytera Marble somewhere she wasn't, near the end of `_Exodus_`, was just an error. I remember this, however imperfectly, because I asked the question. So we can rest assured that even Jove nods.

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Note: This post is `_not_` closed captioned for the humor impaired.

Michael Straight — 10 May 1999, 14:33 · follows David_Lebling

On Mon, 10 May 1999 David_Lebling at avid.com wrote:

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That may be one of the more hair-raising Gene Wolfe short stories I've read yet.

-Rostrum