

searchable archives/Eyeflash Miracles

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Clifford Drane — 14 Jun 1999, 14:38

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William H. Ansley — 15 Jun 1999, 01:53 · follows Clifford Drane

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Yes, there was. You can find it at:

<http://www.urth.net/urth/search/>

(All Hail Ranjit!)

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<The sound of loud, diabolical laughter> Come into my parlor... Cliff.

I, in the not too distant past, wrote a LONG series of postings about the Oz references in _The Eyeflash Miracles_. I don't think the story can be understood completely if you don't know certain Oz facts. Of course, even if you do know these facts, the story still can't be understood completely (it's by Gene Wolfe, after all) but it can be understood more completely, in my humble opinion.

My postings about this are only in the rough draft stage, if that, but you may find them interesting. (I am going to re-write my Oz stuff up real pretty some day, honest!) If you search for "eyeflash" in the archives at the above URL you will find it all, and a bit more. I was interrupted by an illness while writing my Oz posts and started over after a long pause. If you want to follow my final series of eight postings, search for "ozflash and revised".

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I have always liked the end of this story. It seems to be a happy ending, at least to me and at least at first glance. I still prefer to believe it is a happy ending, but there are dissenting opinions on the list.

Thanks for the Sugarland info. I always like to know the origins of names.

If you have any questions to put to me or comments to make after reading my postings, please feel free to do so.

William Ansley