

A funny thing happened on the way to the motto

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William H. Ansley — 25 Oct 1999, 23:47

William Ansley writes:

<<This invites you to analyze the text in a way that more ordinary books don't, but it tends to lead to the conclusion that every mystery Wolfe sets has a solution.>>

I refer you to the motto/colophon of the Urth Archive web site. It is Wolfe speaking through the mouth of Agia...

-- Dave Lebling
(aka vizcacha)

"Do you think there are answers to everything here? Is that true in the place you come from?"

Dave,

The lines above are what you are referring to as the "motto/colophon of the Urth Archive web site." (I include them for the sake of anyone who doesn't want to take the trouble of browsing to the Urth web site.) A funny thing

about that motto... I suggested it. On May 2, 1998, I wrote:

I am rereading TBotNS and I have come across a passage that I think makes a good epigraph for this discussion group. It is in Vol. 1, Ch. 20, (p. 125 of the Orb edition _Shadow & Claw_ at the top of the page). Agia is replying to Serverian's questions about the Botanic Gardens and says:

"I don't know. Do you think there are answers to everything here? Is that true in the place you come from?"

Then, in a message dated the same day, you wrote:

* William Ansley's epigraph

Wonderful epigraph! I hereby petition Ranjit to add it to the Archive Web Pages, and the digest. As they say in alt.folklore.urban, "Motto!"

And, shortly thereafter, if I recall correctly, Ranjit made it so.

Kinda ironic, huh?

William Ansley