

Wolfean antimatter

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Michael Andre-Driussi — 29 Nov 1999, 12:20

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A new story, "Has Anybody Seen Junie Moon?" (in the MOON SHOTS anthology), has a passage that relates directly to our speculations:

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Jim Henley — 29 Nov 1999, 19:23 · follows Michael Andre-Driussi

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Behalf Of Michael Andre-Driussi

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Nice reference, Michael. The larger lesson is surely to be drawn in conjunction with the recent alzabo/memory RNA discussion: every time someone thinks Wolfe is spouting gobbledygook in the series (which would push it in the direction of fantasy) it turns out that there's plausible scientific speculation behind Wolfe's approach. (One might adduce the "white fountain"/wormhole too.)

Best,

Jim

"All God's children got a little bit of soul
but not that much . . . "

-- Graham Parker, "Obsessed with Aretha"