

Evil in The Ziggurat

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Nicholas Gevers — 06 Feb 2000, 13:18

On Alex's last posting, two points:

1) Wolfe's view of the nature of an all-female society is best reflected in his depiction of Trivigaunte in LONG SUN: they haven't done away with men, but they've enslaved them, and their pervasive militarization indicates both how much they still resemble males and the unnatural lengths they must go to to defend their gender "utopia".

2) I don't maintain that Emery is evil. On the contrary: he is perfectly capable of empathy and other forms of goodness, like most other sinners. The road to hell is proverbially paved with good intentions. Emery's tragedy, like that of some other protagonists in ST, is his failure to do good despite his high degree of moral awareness.