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Nil_Ultra — 03 Apr 2000, 00:13

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Jack and Melissa Holcomb — 03 Apr 2000, 02:38 · follows Nil_Ultra

Whoa, cowboy. Look, Rob, you're absolutely entitled to your opinion, but then, so is Jeff. What's more, Jeff was pretty careful about framing every criticism he made of New Sun as his own reaction -- "for me" and so forth, ya see? -- and not as gospel truth (or gospel truth's inverse,

heresy). Don't jump all over him, tell him to shut up, and imply that he doesn't understand the book, just because he expressed his opinion about it. That's just damn rude. And so far I've been so impressed with the congeniality of this list.

And for the record, I dig BotNS best, although Urth is optional. And I would agree that the Soldier books are the second-best thing Wolfe's written.

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You're certainly entitled to think this way--and it's nice for LS to have a defender! What absolutely floors me, though, is that you were able to come in on the middle of the series and enjoy it thoroughly. So much for my defense of elegant plotting!

-alga