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adam louis stephanides — 30 Sep 1997, 15:19

This is the first time I've posted to this list, but I've enjoyed lurking a lot. As long as FLF is being discussed, I'll repeat some questions I posted to rasfw a year ago and never got answers to (although it being that long since I last read the book, the answers may not mean much to me now):

1) Why are there two Whittens (in addition to "Ben Free") in 1983? The younger Whitten (the man in the duffle coat) is there on his second trip with the gizmo for the government. What is the older Whitten doing there?

2) When "Ben Free" reappears on January 14, 1983, where did he come from? He didn't come from the frontier, because he left the frontier for the last time before he hid the gizmo in the wall, and that was presumably before January 14, 1983.

3) A minor point, but in Chapter 52 the witch tells the others that "Today I defrauded a certain one, the namesake of one who possesses much authority, below." Is there a demon named McAlister? Or is there some joke regarding McAlister's first name (which I don't remember ever being stated) which I missed? Or did she defraud somebody else that day? (Actually I vaguely recall getting an answer to this one, but I don't remember what it was, and I don't think I was satisfied by it.)

--Adam