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Allan Lloyd — 26 Jun 2000, 20:18

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Michael Andre-Driussi — 26 Jun 2000, 14:45 · follows Allan Lloyd

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Yowie! Looks right to me . . . and since "Evan S." = "Smoky" (and it was probably the too-clever relatives who cooked up "Smoky" directly from "Evan S.") then it would be redundant for S itself to equal "Smoky." Meaning that the S remains another hidden name, another one of those tough little easter eggs without any real answer, core, yoke, or candy picture inside: John Crowley often hides these in his fictions.

=mantis=

William Ansley — 26 Jun 2000, 22:05 · follows Michael Andre-Driussi

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Kudos, Allen!

I re-read _Little, Big_ recently and quite carefully too, I might add, but I missed this completely. An excellent catch.

And it nicely explains why Crowley reveals Smoky's real first name (however briefly) while keeping mum about what his middle initial stands for. I was wondering about that! Thank you.

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Alex David Groce — 27 Jun 2000, 08:18 · follows William Ansley

William Ansley said (congratulating Allen):

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In fact, it seems more than just plausible that Smoky's middle initial doesn't stand for anything--remember that he wears "A Suit of Truman's" to be married in and that the 'S' in Harry S. Truman is without further signification. I think that's the solution to the middle initial mystery.

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32

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