

more thoughts on Red Star

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maa32 — 12 Feb 2001, 15:10

Thanks for the response, Nigel. Another big part of the novel Red Star involves a problem with putting aside individualism. The least individualistic earthman (Leonov) the martians can find to show their society to cannot adapt to it and goes slightly crazy, behaving homicidally, possessively, and jealously. Perhaps the clone has too much individuality, like Leonov when he is faced with a culture in which everyone is the same. CJ Cherryh's novel sounds like a much nicer fit to the story itself. (I haven't read anything by her even though I have a copy of Kutath and Chanur's Legacy lying around somewhere. Is she worth reading? If so, is there a good place to start?)

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Michael Andre-Driussi — 12 Feb 2001, 15:03 · follows maa32

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You might think you are being sketchy, but we know exactly what you are talking about. (Here, it is in III, ch. 7.)

Yes, some of us sometimes think that the silent man is Palaemon-in-exile. Check the archive for some of the detailed arguments for and against.

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