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Spectacled Bear — 24 Apr 2001, 13:39

At 21:04 2001-04-19, James Jordan wrote (on the Whorl list):

As for Operation ARES: I'd enjoy a discussion on Urth list. Any takers? Sure, it's inferior, but interesting. I wish Wolfe would let somebody publish the whole thing, which I recall as being about 3x as long as the published version. Even inferior Wolfe is good, and it would be fun to read.

Now that's interesting. One very striking thing about the book is the way it has detailed action within the chapters, and then leaps ahead, leaving you to catch up in a very Wolfe-like way. It's the same kind of technique that we see all the time, but formal and regular. So what's the story behind the longer version? Did some editor ask for it to be cut in length? If so, did the way it was done surprise them?!

Spectacled Bear.