

Nitpicking Bug & Future Wolfe

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Dan'l Danehy-Oakes — 11 May 2001, 14:11

Roy wrote that the NP

... refers to "my inauguration". IIRC, when LBJ succeeded JFK he was sworn in as president on the plane back to Washington. There was no inauguration

Ummmm... that was his inauguration. There was no big hoo-hah with both houses of Congress looking on reverentially, and no inaugural ball (which would have been decidedly inappropriate under the circumstances), but it was an inauguration.

Further, if he'd been the VP of a president who died or left office any time after the two-year mark, he could have served the remainder of his predecessor's term and still run for the office twice -- the so-called "two-term limit" is actually two pieces: you can't be elected more than twice, and you can't serve a total greater than ten years.

I don't remember Ford having any sort of inauguration ceremony after Nixon resigned.

If I recall, there was a ceremony before congress, but no inaugural ball. (Would've had to compete with the parties in the streets all over the country anyway after Tricky resigned.)

The story takes place during about a six-hour time period during the second spring of the NP's term of office. GWB has been in office now for less than four months, it is his first spring in office, but he is no longer referred to as the "new" president. NP has been in office for close to a year longer than GWB has now, yet is still described as the new president. That oddity is all I was pointing out. The trouble in Spokane was a year before. The crash was 7-9 months ago. Lilith appeared 5-7 months ago. The murder must have occurred fairly recently, since her arrival, and the suicide just happened.

This is all workable, as follows. I'm going to use the 2008 election to avoid implicating any specific living persons:

Winter 2007/8: The Old President dies/resigns/whatever, the NP succeeds to office (with minimalist inauguration)

Spring 2008: The trouble in Spokane

Summer 2008: The crash

Late Summer/Early Fall 2008: Lilith appears

November 2008: The NP is elected for the first time

January 2009: The NP is inaugurated. He is now in a meaningful sense a New President -- he will have the "honeymoon" period with press & Congress that any new administration gets.

February-March 2009: The murder

March-April 2009: "Copperhead." (It is Spring, and about three

years before the beginning of the 2012 campaign season.)

According to Robert Borski, Wolfe's next project is a complete-in-one-volume Big Fat Fantasy Novel (around 1100 pages) with the title _The Wizard Knight_.

I am ... speechless.

Soldier in Sidon is apparently next in the queue after that.

And there was much rejoicing. (Yaaay.)

I want Wolfe to write an Oz novel.

You are a sick, twisted little man, and should seek help.

Actually, come to think of it, it might be a good thing for him to get it out of his system once and for all. Maybe he could use it as the setting for an Old Sun series. "Severian Goes to Oz?"
Naaaaah.....

(BTW: Has anyone else here ever read "The Eldritch Horror of Oz?" Amazingly good-bad HPL pastiche, which reveals the truth about H.M. Wogglebug, T.E.)
