

Peace: big elm, house

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Roy C. Lackey — 19 Jul 2001, 23:22

Rostrum asks:

Does Weer say that the tree was mature? Maybe it was a sapling that fell.
I don't like that idea. The language implies a full-sized tree. If it
were a sapling one would be more likely to say it got smashed or uprooted
by the storm.

The second sentence of the book indicates it was mature: "from the number of shattered limbs
and the size of the trunk there must have been a terrible crashing." And on page 45 he thought
he might "climb into the branches".

I just figured that Weer knows who planted the tree because it was over
his grave, not because he was hovering around as a ghost and watched her
plant it, but that he just has that knowledge because of its connection
to him. Weer, like the reader on her first time through the novel,
hasn't thought through the implications and realized what it means.

And where was his grave? Outside the window of a brick-and-mortar house, or in some more
common necropolis?

Dan'I wrote:
I think the simplest answer (though not one I'm prepared to argue
strongly for) is that Weer built _a_ house, and that the "memory
mansion" bears some strong resemblance to the house he built, for
reasons which might be obvious.

Very likely, and I don't think that we'll ever get a better answer.

-Roy