

# An Exchange of Hostages

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Nigel Price — 04 Sep 2001, 13:22

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Inire — 09 Sep 2001, 01:29 · follows Nigel Price

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I read it, and was intrigued enough to buy (and not yet read) the second in the series. The story has little if any Lupine influence, IMO, especially since Matthews seems to get off on horrid descriptions of torture, a touch that Wolfe leaves out IIRC.

an okay read, but not crucial.

-j

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Jeff "My dice hate me!" Miller

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"The idea of verifying facts about the world through controlled repetition seems alien to just about everyone with the \_possible\_ exception of Fr Inire, and he's a bug-eyed space monster. .  
." -Jim Henley, on the URTN list

Gaming to keep War out of RealTime!

85 VF500F 'Contraceptor'

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