

godleaf?!

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This post exists to ask a question rather than to posit another unsubstantiated theory: I haven't read 5HC in a long time (and I've only read it once, a terrible sin I will rectify this summer). These Shadow children ... so this godleaf is something that they perhaps consumed to explain their weird properties? I especially liked the idea of the fall of man as a separation from the Tree of Life which was posted by someone recently (was it you, Roy? a lot of posts lately). Reconciliation with God as a return to that Tree ... I think that makes a pretty neat redemption in light of some of the things I've talked about ad nauseum. (fall of man: Adam eats fruit of tree; redemption of man: tree eats man to produce fruit (which could be a crucifixion on one level, I suppose))

Is this godleaf from a tree? A consumption of the vegetable which illicit changes in an animal/human? Or just a "finding" of the godleaf? Just wondering if Wolfe is doing weird things with plants in 5HC as well. If some item found on the planets has changed humanity, then perhaps these shadow dudes could have been altered from that odd early wave of settlers from gondwanaland (or whatever) by coming into contact or consuming this substance. I totally need to re-read the text, much like Towelie, "I have no idea what's going on right now."

Has anybody ever commented on how much Severian looks like a Buckaroo Bonzai lead Peter Weller (I think that's his name) for the cover art of Citadel of the Autarch? Bwa ha ha. Marc Aramini