

q: "How Old Mount Typhon?" a: "Old Mount

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David Rolsky — 30 Jan 1998, 22:54

At 04:43 PM 1/30/98 -0500, you wrote:

Woah, Gene Wolfe himself has said that there are only 2 chiliads between our present time here in A.D. 1998, and Severian's time. (I think it is in the People interview).

I don't remember Wolfe mentioning this in the People interview at all!

Anyway, ignoring all the mountain-carving and such, this book takes place when the sun is starting to lose its energy. I'm not an astrophysicist but I know that such an event is literally millions of years in our future.

This is one of the things about these books that I found so immediately fascinating and I'd hate to give it up. (I love post-apocalypse stories and TBOTNS is a post-post-post-post-etc-apocalypse story)

-Dave