

# posting conventions (was GW and CP)

The Urth list — 3 messages, 3 voices, 21 Jun 2005

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Dan — 21 Jun 2005, 07:28

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Dan

Message: 1

Date: Fri, 17 Jun 2005 00:27:00 -0400

From: Maru Dubshinki <marudubshinki at gmail.com>

Subject: Re: (urth) gene wolfe and cyberpunk

To: The Urth Mailing List <urth-urth.net at lists.urth.net>

Message-ID: <f5238c305061621271b7c0e1e at mail.gmail.com>

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Well, there you go: he has lapsed into anime vocabularly, so don't feel bad.

In case you were wondering, GitS was discussed earlier- it is "Ghost in the Shell".

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ghost\\_in\\_the\\_shell](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ghost_in_the_shell)

AS stands for the popular programming segment Cartoon Network airs late at night, called "Adult Swim".

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(The name comes from the fact that at night, the kids aren't watching so they can show more mature 'adult' stuff- kinda like a pool. Get it, adult swim=... ah never mind.)

~Maru

On a very side note, I'm surprised you don't like bottom-posting- every forum Usenet or otherwise, has told me to bottom post, and definitely not top- but you seem to prefer top, so I shall.

On 6/16/05, David Kirby <dbkirby at pressroom.com> wrote:

Okay, the abbreviation "DADoES" is probably familiar enough to SF fans, even without my inclusion above of the improbably capitalized "do androids dream of electric sheep."

But "GitS"? "AS"? I have no idea what you're talking about here. (That statement may pin me as an ol' fogey -- the first time I've been so pinned -- but I suspect many written SF contributors will agree with its sentiment.) These may have been explained earlier in the thread, but they aren't explained in this message, and they should have been. One of the advantages of Usenet or mailing lists is that a reader or participant doesn't have to know \*everything\*

that has gone before in order to participate. (Most Web-based discussion forums I've seen don't have or don't encourage a ["here's what I had to say" --> "here's what you respond"] format.)

(Top-posting is also appreciated, if appropriate, although "interleaved" posting is perfectly accepted when appropriate. Bottom-posting is not appreciated and indicates, at least to me, that you've not read carefully the post you're responding to.)

Can we, please, try to be a bit more inclusive in future messages?

Thanks,

-- David

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David Kirby — 21 Jun 2005, 13:08 · in reply to Dan

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No problem. I'm just glad to get an answer.

Hey, you think you need chastised . . . .

I haven't looked at e-mail recently -- this is the first time since I sent my note. I sent the earlier message both without sleep and in the middle of a move. Which is to say --

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Thanks for letting my abase myself!

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"It is possible I already had some presentiment of my future."

== Gene Wolfe, Shadow of the Torturer

David B. Kirby, dbkirby at pressroom.com  
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Maru Dubshinki — 21 Jun 2005, 15:04 · in reply to David Kirby

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I would never interfere in someone's possessions abasing themselves. But fortunately, I, for my graduation, received a copy of the OED, and I find that the chaste/chastise is apparently a fairly interesting bit of philology; chaste, it is fairly sure, comes from the Old French (no mention of Latin tho'), but chastise is completely different: "An equivalent of the earlier CHASTE and CHASTY, the formation of which is not easily accounted for. There is no recorded medieval Latin "castizare", French "chastiser", and no Old French "chastir", "chastiss-", the usual source of "-ise" and "-ize" in English verbs; the word is too early to have been a simple English formation from CHASTE a. + "-ise". The stress was originally always on the first syllable, is generally so with Shakespeare (7 times vs. 2)"....

~Maru

All your abase are belong to us