

Typo in _Starwater Strains_?

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Dan Rabin — 24 Aug 2005, 21:34

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mournings glory — 24 Aug 2005, 22:43 · in reply to Dan Rabin

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Mark Millman — 24 Aug 2005, 23:12 · in reply to mournings glory

Dear list members,

Mr. Rabin is correct. The word in _Starwater Strains_ (on page 217, paragraph 5, line 1) is misprinted as "stories". The Cheap Street chapbook (it's the press' solstice greeting for 1985) has "stones" in that sentence (page 7, paragraph 2, line 2). The opposition that Wolfe employs is between "shining stones of Atlantis" for most of the story, and "shining stones of Uranus" in the final instance. He does not appear explicitly to contrast "stones" with "stories".

I'm afraid that mournings glory refers to the fourth

instance, in which the boy chases away the magic woman from the hills, the sorceress. It occurs in paragraph 7 on page 217. The instance to which Mr. Rabin refers is the third, in which the boy drives away the cleverest man in the village, its mayor.

Nice catch, Mr. Rabin.

Best,

Mark Millman

On Wed, 24 Aug 2005, Dan Rabin wrote:

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And on Thu, 25 Aug 2005, mournings glory replied:

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