

Explication of a few sma

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Tony Ellis — 30 Mar 1998, 15:28

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RE>Explication of a few small points

David Lebling wrote:

The "teratoid sign" in TBOENS is our radiation warning symbol.

I thought of this too... but decided no. Our radiation symbol is black on yellow, and this is crimson. Also, its simple rotational symmetry is hardly "teratoid". Finally, as far as we know, the mirrors have nothing to do with radiation. I'm sure that nice Father Inire wouldn't show little girls around the chamber if they did.

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someone report (somewhere in the archives) that Wolfe has said that no one was murdered by Alden Weer in Peace?

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Personally, I've never quite understood what the case against Weer was, re the librarian and the plant worker. Ok, fabrication is a strong theme in the novel, but Weer himself doesn't seem to go out of his way to lie to us (or rather, to himself). Or am I missing something?

Damien, in your fascinating Peace essay a few posts back you say that

The name of the narrator of Wolfe's **The Fifth Head of Cerberus**, never given in that text, can be determined to be Gene Wolfe.

I'm not quite sure how you arrive at this. Could you elaborate, please?

Michael Straight — 02 Apr 1998, 13:36 · follows Tony Ellis

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I'd always understood that quote to mean that, Weer did not kill "many" of the other characters of the book, not that he didn't kill anyone. I doubt Wolfe would have had to think about it if Weer was entirely innocent, and it seems pretty plain that he at least (accidentally) killed the

boy at the top of the stairs.

-Rostrum