

No. 5's visit to the library in `Fifth Head...'

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I thank Damien Broderick for pointing out the clues in the passage in `The Fifth Head of Cerberus' wherein the narrator visits the library and finds old science-fiction books.

It is interesting that this passage differs between the original publication in _Orbit 10_ (Damon Knight, ed.) and the book edition. The original only mentions _Monday or Tuesday_ and the book on the assassination of Trotsky before ending the paragraph and beginning the next with `I never found any books of my father's'. I found this startling because I had read the book version first, and remembered the Vinge reference very distinctly.

I wonder whether the additional books mentioned (_The Mile-Long Spaceship_ `by some German', and the volume of Vinge) were added by Wolfe to the book version, or edited out of the original by Knight (or at Knight's suggestion).

Also, I note that `VVinge' is to `Wing' as `Wolfe' is to `Wolf', for what it's worthe.

-- Dan Rabin