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Ranjit Bhatnagar — 01 Sep 2006, 19:30

Here's the official word from the list owner (me!) --

Talking about the works of Gene Wolfe: GOOD

Talking about matters of English usage: DISCOURAGED

Talking about email formatting: STRONGLY DISCOURAGED

"Interleaving": ENCOURAGED

Top-posting: MILDLY DISCOURAGED

Complaining about top-posting: STRONGLY DISCOURAGED

Quoting the minimum necessary from previous posts to make your reply intelligible: STRONGLY ENCOURAGED.

EXCESSIVE USE of CAPITAL LETTERS: discouraged. Sorry.

- ranjit

Dan'l Danehy-Oakes — 01 Sep 2006, 19:42 · in reply to Ranjit Bhatnagar

Ranjit,

Thank you for clarifying. I wish you'd jump in more often!

Dan'l Danehy-Oakes, writer, trainer, bon vivant

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I've got a piece of braaaaaain lodge in me heeead!!!

Jeff Wilson — 02 Sep 2006, 05:46 · in reply to Ranjit Bhatnagar

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Matthew King — 02 Sep 2006, 16:37 · in reply to Jeff Wilson

On Sep 2, 2006, at 12:46 AM, Jeff Wilson wrote:

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Not when we're discussing Able's narration, or that of the Horn twin who contributed to Return to the Whorl.

matthew

Bob Miller — 02 Sep 2006, 20:39 · in reply to Jeff Wilson

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Ranjit Bhatnagar — 02 Sep 2006, 20:48 · in reply to Bob Miller

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Look, just think of these as like Asimov's three laws of robotics. Only there's just two of them that I'm concerned with here, but bear with me:

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....except where such discouragement would conflict with the First Law.

And now for a new rule:

Nitpicking the rules - AW, WHAT THE HECK. GO FOR IT.

- ranjit

Dan'l Danehy-Oakes — 03 Sep 2006, 01:36 · in reply to Ranjit Bhatnagar

On 9/2/06, Ranjit Bhatnagar <ranjit at moonmilk.com> wrote:

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I don't think that's a good idea, Yogi. The Ranger won't like it.

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b sharp — 03 Sep 2006, 02:41 · follows Dan'l Danehy-Oakes

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High praise to Ranjit for just the right amount of authority and self-deprecation :-)

-bsharp