

Peter Wright's - Shadows of the New Sun

The Urth list — 3 messages, 3 voices, 28 Jun 2007

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Jonathan Laidlow — 28 Jun 2007, 12:29

My partner in Ultanic crime, Nigel Price, reports that he has received a copy of Peter Wright's new book SHADOWS OF THE NEW SUN and so I can officially report that it is finally in print.

Published by Liverpool University Press and costing about twenty quid (which must be nearly 40 of your dollars) the book is divided into two halves. The first half contains 14 interviews with GW, spanning his entire career. It reprints interviews with Lawrence Person, James Jordan, Colin Greenland and Nick Gevers among others. The second half reprints a selection of GW's essays on writing, including the excellent "Books in the BotNS".

It is an excellent collection. The paperback ISBN is 184631058X and if you buy books from Amazon, I urge you to use the link on www.ultan.org.uk as we can poach a little bit of the money from Amazon in the hope of one day repaying Nigel for setting up the webhost and URL.

Jonathan
editor, www.ultan.org.uk

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From: "urth-request at lists.urth.net" <[urth-request at lists.urth.net](mailto:urth-request@lists.urth.net)> To: urth at lists.urth.net
Sent: Wednesday, 27 June, 2007 7:49:31 PM Subject: urth Digest, Vol 34, Issue 42

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10. Re: the elephant in the room (Dan'l Danehy-Oakes)

Message: 1

Date: Tue, 26 Jun 2007 20:16:09 -0500

From: Matthew King <automatthew at gmail.com>

Subject: Re: (urth) New Wolfe Story at Subterranean Press

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

Message-ID: <936D7D91-3D3E-4231-ABEF-A018DDB292CE at gmail.com>

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On Jun 26, 2007, at 5:01 PM, Dan'l Danehy-Oakes wrote:

If I hadn't known the story was by Wolfe, this sentence would have revealed it:

"I'm going to pry, Roberta. I'm going to ask you about things that are none of my business. I hope you'll answer."

Yeah ... that sounds like it could come right out of Silk's mouth, doesn't it?

Or Able, or the father from "Ziggurat", or Latro on his better days. If I'm remembering rightly, the protagonist of Memorare also spoke like that.

Message: 2

Date: Tue, 26 Jun 2007 21:05:16 -0700 (PDT)

From: don doggett <kingwukong at yahoo.com>

Subject: Re: (urth) New Wolfe Story at Subterranean Press

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

Message-ID: <210591.1321.qm at web32409.mail.mud.yahoo.com>

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--- Matthew King <automatthew at gmail.com> wrote:

The Robinsons are fleshly:

"Either the Robinsons could not have a child of their own, or were unwilling to undertake the travail and expense of a real child."

Not necessarily. Wolfe's best trick is to make us make assumptions. The only statement of fact in the sentence is that the Robinsons don't have "real" children. It's suspiciously vague in the face of this Ro- pattern of the names. Even undertaking the travail and expense of a real child has no concrete meaning.

Birthing a child? Procuring a child? Cloning one? All of these could be an expensive ordeal.

Don

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Date: Tue, 26 Jun 2007 21:15:58 -0700 (PDT)
From: don doggett <kingwukong at yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: (urth) New Wolfe Story at Subterranean Press
To: The Urth Mailing List <urth at lists.urth.net>
Message-ID: <845956.59488.qm at web32404.mail.mud.yahoo.com>
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--- Matthew King <automatthew at gmail.com> wrote:

And why does the narrator give himself the role of the evil dwarf in his imagining of a fecund human past?

Maybe this is reaching on my part, but Herman Hesse wrote a story about a hideous dwarf who belonged to a princess. He's given a puppy that he loves more than anything, but the princess' jackass husband drowns it. So the dwarf gets revenge by poisoning the prince and himself, leaving the princess alone iirc. What this might have to do with the story, I'm not sure. It also seems to have reflections of Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep? where everyone is a replicant, but not everyone knows it.

Don

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Message: 4

Date: Tue, 26 Jun 2007 22:34:21 -0700 (PDT)

From: don doggett <kingwukong at yahoo.com>

Subject: Re: (urth) New Wolfe Story at Subterranean Press

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

Message-ID: <204532.13323.qm at web32407.mail.mud.yahoo.com>

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Okay,

I may crash and burn with this, but be darned if I'm not going to try to fly.

First. You don't cook a salad. You prepare it. And if you're a cook rather than a chef, you don't specialise in salads. And the money won't be that great.

This is from the Word Detective (google that and "cook"):

{Our everyday "prepare food" verb "to cook" first appeared in the 14th century and is derived from the much older noun form, which comes from the Latin "coquus," which also gave us "concoct." As might be expected from an activity so central to human life, "to cook" has spawned a variety of slang and colloquial senses over the years, including "to ruin" and, alternatively, "to do very well" (as in "to cook with gas"). "To cook" meaning "to falsify, tamper with, present in a secretly altered form" is actually one of the oldest slang senses of the verb, dating all the way back to at least the early 17th century, and is directly drawn from the "prepare carefully" sense of "cook."}

Okay, so what is salad? Well a salad, in addition to being a food, can also simply mean a "variety of things". BUT. . . another word for salad is sallet, which is also a helmet with eyeslits from the middle ages.

So, I think that Julianne's dad is some sort of biomechanical engineer that specializes in sallets: brain pans and such. And Julianne is literally made from strips of meat. Either a clone or a Jonas type hybrid. But she's as artificial as Roberta.

Don

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Message: 5
Date: Wed, 27 Jun 2007 10:28:23 +0100
From: Mo Holkar / UKG <lists at ukg.co.uk>
Subject: Re: (urth) New Wolfe Story at Subterranean Press

Recursive Loop — 05 Jul 2007, 16:50 · in reply to Jonathan Laidlow

Greetings:

Just saw on Amazon (US) that "Shadows of the New Sun" is listed as a trade paperback for \$27.50 and a hardcover for \$75.00.

It's not (quite) out, with a publication date listed as 07/07/07 (and who was born on that day, some years ago?).

I'm going to put it in my "shopping basket" in the hopes that it actually does come out then!

FPK3

Nigel Price — 06 Jul 2007, 13:41 · follows Recursive Loop

I got my copy of Peter's book from Amazon UK a couple of weeks ago.

It's a wonderful compendium of Wolfe interviews, many of which I'd read, but it's great to have them bound into a book.

Essential reading - and if you order it through Ultan's Library at <http://www.ultan.org.uk/index.html> we get a small commission from Amazon towards the upkeep of the site.

Which reminds me: is there any information in Ultan's Library, such as the lists of secondary sources on Wolfe, which would be of interest to the wiki team?

Nigel