

First sight of *An Evil Guest*

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Nicholas Gevers — 17 Mar 2008, 12:51

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aaron — 17 Mar 2008, 17:08 · in reply to Nicholas Gevers

I hate to admit to the base human emotions, but damn am I ever envious.

Aaron Singleton

Matthew Keeley — 17 Mar 2008, 17:41 · in reply to Nicholas Gevers

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Greg Bates — 17 Mar 2008, 17:57 · in reply to Nicholas Gevers

I hate you. Seriously.

How is it so far?

On Mon, Mar 17, 2008 at 8:51 AM, Nicholas Gevers <vermouliau@yahoo.com> wrote:

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Greg Bates — 17 Mar 2008, 22:06 · in reply to Matthew Keeley

I read something online that described "An Evil Guest" as 'Gene Wolfe does H.P. Lovecraft', which made it my most anticipated novel in a long time. How correct would you say that statement is?

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Mike Myers — 18 Mar 2008, 00:11 · in reply to Nicholas Gevers

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aaron — 18 Mar 2008, 12:49 · in reply to Mike Myers

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Eric Ortlund — 18 Mar 2008, 16:12 · in reply to aaron

Speaking of Wolfe getting old - something I've worried about before - do you think the latest Latro book (where he's in Egypt) is the last in the series? I haven't read it . . . and I'm inclined to wait if there's going to be another book in the series, since answers in Wolfe tend to come late!

Eric Ortlund

Assistant Professor of Old Testament

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aaron — 18 Mar 2008, 18:21 · in reply to Matthew Keeley

Indeed Vance is dictating his auto-biography into tape recorder and his new live-in caregiver is transcribing these tapes to paper. I for one cannot wait for the end result. Vance has led an interesting life, from working as a Naval electrician in Pearl Harbor just two weeks before the disaster there to writing scripts for 20th Century Fox's Captain Video TV show in the 50's.

I have read everything Vance has published with the exception of one of the mysteries. To me, other than The Dying Earth series, his best work has to be the four book series called Tschai (aka Planet of Adventure-not Vance's title) consisting of City of the Chasch, Servants of the Wankh, The Dirdir, and The Pnume. Kind of like Wolfe's 'four book trilogy'. But really, you won't go wrong with any Vance written from the 60's onward.

As far as Latro goes, I am unsure about whether or not this is the final book, but I THINK not. I have yet to read it myself.

I hope Wolfe will continue to write into his late eighties as Vance did, but who can say? I guess we should all treasure each and every piece of work we get from him from now on.

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