

"The Tree is My Hat" audio drama available online

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Jonathan Barnard — 05 Nov 2008, 15:07

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The story itself is creepily effective, with a good Wolfean unreliable narrator, and there's enough ambiguity to sustain plenty of discussion. And as others have noted, it has a lot of common ground with the later sections of *_AEG_*.

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Cheers

Jon

Bryan Alexander — 05 Nov 2008, 15:09 · in reply to Jonathan Barnard

ah, it's good to see, er, listen to this. I was there for the recording, and loved it then.

On Wed, Nov 5, 2008 at 10:07 AM, Jonathan Barnard <jonpbarnard@gmail.com> wrote:
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