

Eidolon or Aquastor?

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O'Donnell, Tim BOSI — 03 Dec 2008, 12:02

Hi Son of Witz,

I don't think there is a strong difference between them at all.

Mantis came up with a useful (to me anyway) rule of thumb a while back.

"Wolfe uses (or seems to use) "aquastor" and "eidolon" interchangeably. However, at times in the past when I was trying to ferret out the different forms of "ghosts" involved (i.e., hair-splitting) I leaned on "aquastor" as being (1) machine generated (as opposed to biological mind generated), (2) having physical presence; leaving "eidolons" to be the (1) non-physical, beamed directly into the brain, seen by nobody else forms."
<http://www.urth.net/urth/archives/v0009/0739.shtml>

To be honest, I think the difference is akin to explaining the difference between a "ghoul" and a "ghost" to someone.
(Nitpickers have at it, I haven't checked my OED so there could be a distinct difference between the two!)

brunians at brunians.org — 03 Dec 2008, 12:23 · in reply to O'Donnell, Tim BOSI

To be honest, I think the difference is akin to explaining the difference between a "ghoul" and a "ghost" to someone.

A ghost is a remnant of a dead entity, normally a person.

A ghou is a creature that eats the bodies of the dead. It may or may not have been a living person at some point.

That said, I agree with you that Wolfe is using eidolon and aquastor interchangeably.

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O'Donnell, Tim BOSI — 03 Dec 2008, 16:24 · follows brunians at brunians.org

Hahaha, Brilliant!

Thanks Brunians!

Man, I think Ghoul is going to be one my new favourite words.