

AEG trembling mountains

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brunians at brunians.org — 24 Mar 2009, 16:54 · in reply to Stephen Hoy

Ah yes, lost R'lyeh resurfaces.

Cthulhu phthagn!

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Craig Brewer — 24 Mar 2009, 17:29 · in reply to brunians at brunians.org

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<http://taosartmuseum.org/fechin.php>

Stephen Hoy — 24 Mar 2009, 17:39

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Steven — 27 Mar 2009, 02:38 · in reply to Craig Brewer

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I enjoyed the link...and of course, that was the first thing I thought of too. The Russian/American was known for his highly virtuosic technique. But was he Wolfe's model? Does anyone here know?

Steven Bowen

<http://bowenfinearts.com/>

Son of Witz — 27 Mar 2009, 05:01 · in reply to Craig Brewer

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Jerry Friedman — 27 Mar 2009, 05:28 · in reply to Son of Witz

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Jerry