

Sea Wrack

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Adam Thornton — 26 Mar 2009, 04:20

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David Stockhoff — 26 Mar 2009, 15:36 · follows Adam Thornton

Good catch. Fritz Lieber rocks!

Wolfe has said he sees little point in creating new words or names when there are so many good ones already. This is probably just a tip of the hat to Fritz.

But I think Fritz was doing something almost postmodern in that story in so plainly revealing the archetype behind his character, and Wolfe frequently does the same thing. It's a way of introducing gods and heroes as characters and plot forces without making them unbelievable.

Someone noted here that Wolfe favors "Orion"-type characters ...

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