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Peter Stephenson — 09 May 1998, 10:27

I absolutely agree that `unable to be photographed' is a chilling phrase, coming from Wolfe. I don't necessarily think that means there is any `obvious' supernatural explanation. Wolfe is an expert at straining the bounds of reality in such away that it still makes perfect sense the way it is. I continue to read the story the way I first did: that there is some `non-obvious' supernatural explanation, that the narrator's reality is warped in some way that he simply doesn't ever see Suzanne. The whole universe is conspiring that they don't meet --- even by bending the laws a bit. That's what I find chilling. I think (please contradict) this is the naturally Borgesian explanation.

pws