

Mostly Spoiler Free Thoughts on Home Fires

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Dan'I Danehy-Oakes — 02 Mar 2011, 17:55

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Jeff Wilson — 02 Mar 2011, 19:01 · in reply to Dan'I Danehy-Oakes

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Son of Witz — 02 Mar 2011, 19:52 · in reply to Jeff Wilson

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Dave Tallman — 03 Mar 2011, 00:42 · follows Son of Witz

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Chelle mentions that in the army they "ate like wolves and slept like babies."

At one point there's a dog and a goat in the road. Skip thinks the goat looks Satanic. Does that mean the dog is like God?

Jeff Wilson — 03 Mar 2011, 03:20 · in reply to Dan'I Danehy-Oakes

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hmm, not spoilery, so I'll just say that aside from the inherent Forever War premise in the promotion, I can't think of anything that has to be SFnally justified for things to progress the way they did, except maybe for one of the mistaken identities, which could be done with the usual devices though it would take a rather unwieldy pile of them.

Oh, and rather a lot of the detective work is Columbo-style. Skip becomes privy to a lot of the stuff that would be a deep dark mystery in other Wolfe books, but he (and the reader) have to really work on *why* such a thing was done, and how to catch or just stop the antagonists.

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