

Morning-Glory

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David Wells — 02 May 2012, 13:41

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On the other hand, it was noted here recently that Wolfe has written frequently about dystopian modernism, which is very much a Ballard theme, albeit approached from a rather different perspective :-).

Hmmm. I can't recall any empty swimming pools in Wolfe, though. Although come to think of it, one wouldn't be completely out of place in Free Live Free. Or even in Peace.

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Jerry Friedman — 02 May 2012, 18:04 · in reply to David Wells

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Interesting, thanks.

Have we connected the morning glory in this story to the ones in /Free Live Free/ that are supposed to alert the reader that something strange is happening at Free's house, and to the angel's trumpets trying to get into Cave Canem (as I recall)?

Jerry Friedman

Tony Ellis — 03 May 2012, 07:48 · follows Jerry Friedman

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