

Just a weird thought re: Peace

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Hi --

Just been rereading PEACE. Fascinated by the structure (a story of a man haunted by stories telling stories about storytellers tellign stories of haunts). Nothing much new to offer up, but for this: it occurs to me that Weer's Aunt Olivia -- after keeping three suitors at arms' length for who-knows-how-long -- seems to have decided, in the end, to marry the man who told the best story. Sound like anyone from, say, CITADEL...

(Actually, the party where Smart tells his tale reminds me not a little of Lord Byron's famous house party that led ultimately to the publication of Polidori's VAMPYRE and Mary Shelley's FRANKENSTEIN: A bunch of men and one woman with very "advanced" ideas sitting about telling ghost stories... Any odds whether Wolfe is likely to have had this in mind or no?)

Weer says Smart is the central character of his yarn;
I think it's Olivia.

--Roach