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Andrew Mason — 13 Apr 2014, 20:12

Jeff Wilson wrote:

On Fri, April 11, 2014 08:50, Andrew Mason wrote:

Neil Gaiman, I think, proposed the theory that in each of Wolfe's stories there is a wolf. I've been thinking about how this works out.

IIRC, he stated more strongly in the old GENie days, that his first step in solving the mysteries of a Wolfe story is to find the figurative if not literal Gene Wolfe *in* the story. This certainly worked for 5HC, though I didn't particularly think the alzado passed muster as a "gene wolf" in the sense Neil nominated it (it eats the family member by member) but as genetically tampered furry pack predator (its pack is on the inside), sure.

Hm - if it has to be a _Gene_ Wolfe that definitely adds complexity to the issue. (There is a Gene, since 'Owen' is a form of the name 'Eugenius'. But I don't see any signs of his being a wolf.) Yet there are certainly wolves in _New Sun_, quite openly - so I don't think we need to look for hidden ones there.