

Sorcerer's House writeup done at last.

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Marc Aramini — 02 Jun 2018, 02:07

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Ab de Vos — 02 Jun 2018, 08:07 · in reply to Marc Aramini

Just being lame I suppose.

Op 2-6-2018 om 04:07 schreef Marc Aramini:

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David Duffy — 04 Jun 2018, 01:44 · in reply to Marc Aramini

"Guess what never appears in the text of the novel? I'm reminded of Umberto Eco's Foucault's Pendulum which goes through alchemy, the Knights Templar, Kabbalism to Rosicrucianism, never once mentioning the Tarot [is it a review by Clute that points this out?].

Cheers, David Duffy.