

Wolfe's politics, and More 5HC questions

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Tony Ellis — 18 Jun 1998, 09:03

Dan Parmenter wrote:

It's hard for me to imagine Wolfe as entirely "anti-PC"

Hmmmm.... depends how you define "PC", I suppose. If, like me, you regard it as deplorable right-wing Newspeak, you're very happy to think of Wolfe as anti-PC. <g>

Neal Smith wrote:

I had mentioned in passing the addictive substances that the Shadow Children used in "A Story", in response to a post of Alga's.

Later, this made me think: how much significance should we attach to this substance? I seem to remember a passage, perhaps the same one, where use of the drug is linked to not being able to use tools.

The Old Wise One says that the weed makes the Shadow Children "...gods, and things made by hands do not concern us." This might be an explanation for why the Shadow Children don't use tools, but the weed seems to be very much a Shadow Child thing, rather than a human thing. (He does go on to say that Sandwalker's people are the same because they copy the Shadow Children, but then the Shadow Children have a very dodgy sense of who they are. Later still, he admits that he's been getting humans and Shadow Children mixed-up all along.)