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John Bishop — 08 Jul 1997, 10:02

I've been re-reading Peace, with reference to the suggestion that a lot of deaths happen. It's true, and Alden Weer could be the guilty one:

o As a child, Weer is seen about to wrestle Bobby Black at the top of the attic stairs. Later on we read that Bobby died of his injuries and the parents blame Weer's family.

o The kid who freezes to death in the "Tang" factory dies because another employee doesn't let him out; Weer was a young engineer at the time and the way it's said doesn't rule out the possibility that Weer was that employee--which is suspicious.

o I'm sure there are others, but I'm just missing the Weer connection: his Aunt "who was killed", Doris at the carnival, etc.

I'm also surprised it took me so long to figure out Weer was dead; the cover has that Gahan Wilson montage of skeletons; and somehow on my first reading I missed the very explicit mention of the soul wandering about the memory/skull in the Necronomicon quote.

I do wish Wolfe came with hyperlinks, so I could read the "in between" bits that are left out and follow the connections.

Anyone else here who felt that Pandora was in part a homage to Catcher\_in\_the\_Rye?

-John