

Gene Wolfe - two carpenters

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(unknown) — 26 Apr 2007, 06:02

by John Farrell

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jcon — 26 Apr 2007, 12:41 · in reply to (unknown)

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Christopher J. Henrich — 26 Apr 2007, 16:09 · in reply to jcon

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Could be /The/ /Last/ /Temptation/ /of/ /Christ/, by Nikos Kazantzakis.

Bran MacEachaidh — 30 Apr 2007, 04:48 · in reply to jcon

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