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Jerry Friedman — 04 Jun 2001, 14:05

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From: Michael Andre-Driussi
<mantis at siriusfiction.com>
Subject: Re: (whorl) Cilinia's mausoleum

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I wrote:

Jerry Friedman wrote:

(Chap. 19, a mausoleum [apparently not Severian's hideout] in the necropolis

Ah, this has been established (or otherwise achieved consensual validity in excess of 51%)? I hadn't known, I must have missed that . . . it poses a leap I cannot follow.

Nevermind. I withdraw the statement/question.

And here I brought the books in to work (I'm just part-time) to post the relevant quotes!

OTOH, it does lead to an interesting notion: what if, instead of a FAQ about a book/series/story, what if there was a position tabulation, sort of like a voting ballet, showing broad points ("Participants like the piece" xx%; "Respondents dislike the piece" xx%), then medium points, down to fine detail points?

It would be a digested digest, I suppose. A tallying person would read through the thread, picking out the various points of consensus and contention, then use these to create the ballot. Rather like making an index, in a way. The ballot could then be voted on afresh, or the percentages could just be filled in based on how the discussion seemed to go in the original.

At the end of this there would be these handy little one-page summaries of where everybody has been and which sides they were

on. Like a busload of
tourists posing for a snapshot.

That would be something!

I'd certainly be interested in this, though it would
be a big project.

From: "Kevin J. Maroney" <kmaroney at ungames.com>

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Ahah! The Wolfe Seminar! We could all get pink, red,
grey, and black balls
and vote on whether Severian is his own mother....

Thanks to you, I now have learned a little about the
Jesus Seminar. But come on! Everybody knows that
Severian's mother, after walking the corridors of
time, played holy Katherine at the torturers' feast!
Ha ha only kidding.

Jerry Friedman