

CANT Lexicon

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CANT Lexicon - first installment for NIGHTSIDE THE LONG SUN. 1/8/97

Gene Wolfe has created a convincing culture in THE BOOK OF THE LONG SUN. The judicious use of street slang among certain social elements adds to the believability. A working vocabulary of the local lingo called Cant will help the reader navigate the streets if Viron:

WORD = Definition (Vollume No.; Page No.)

ABRAM = Crazy (I; 280)

BOILIN' = Hot, Stolen (I; 38)

CANT = Sreet talk (I; 42, 100)

A CARD IN A CART = A lay a month for a year (I; 246)

COLD UP AND FULL OF JUMP = Raring to go (I; 98)

CULL = A guy

DELL = A girl (or Broad may be more appropriate) (I; 280, 281) DIMBER = Nimble (I; 40) The

FISC = The Bank (I; 304) I'm no FLASH CULL = I'm no rocket scientist (I; 42) FLAT = Broke (I;

267) Don't GO THE NOSE = Don't pull any punches (I; 80) Rollin' him over to HOPPY = Turn in to the Police (I; 38) That's your LAY = your speciality (I; 309) LILY = The lily white truth (I; 22, 91,

178) PLUCKED = Slipped out from hiding (I; 279) We're QUITTS = I'm out'a here (I; 24) Not a PIP

OF THE SCAVY = Don't know diddly (I; 99) SHAGGY = All purpose expletive (I; 95, 168, 249,

250) SHAVE = A Lie (I; 80) SOLVED = Robbed (I; 82, 87) SPRATS = Children (I; 37)

I welcome any additions and corrections. I envision a complete list that will include words from all four vollumes.

=Doug=

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