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Alice Turner — 24 Mar 1997, 00:17

This doesn't persuade me. Holy Katharine is not the patron of Nessus, only of the torturers. St. Catherine (of the St. Catherine's wheel fame) was martyred (IIRC) on a burning wheel. If anything, this is an allusion to the fact that the towers are themselves rockets. The library reference is too broad: are ALL libraries in fiction automatically the Great Library of Alexandria?

Not at all. It's only a way of looking at things, and it only works if you think that Wolfe drops deliberate, somewhat cryptic clues as to geography. It's part of a scheme that I honestly don't have time to post right now as I'm on a couple of deadlines. But I will. And you probably won't like it!

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