

Names, animals and meanings (P2)

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mary whalen — 07 Sep 1998, 06:21

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Alastair Reynolds — 07 Sep 1998, 13:35 · follows mary whalen

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permission to speak...

I don't know if this was a phenomenon unique to British readers of the book, but I couldn't read "Pike" without thinking of Private Pike from Dad's Army, probably not quite the effect Wolfe intended...(although, as apparently GW is a Benny Hill fan, who knows?)

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