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Josh Levitan — 11 Aug 2000, 01:02

Wombat wrote:

At 06:04 PM 8/10/00 GMT, Christopher Culver wrote:

Pat. Nut. wrote:

<Dire interpretations of Wolfe events are tempting, but recall how often they have been wrong. Weir in *Peace* was supposed to be a multiple murderer, according to some, until Wolfe said that was nonsense.>

Wolfe may have said that about the *multiple* murderer hypothesis, but in one interview he said the reader would have to figure out for himself if Weir killed the librarian, and he didn't say that suspicion of that would be nonsense.

Also, Weir could have killed multiple people without being a "multiple murderer". The young boy and the man who was locked in the freezer could both easily have been accidents, and I don't know if he did kill the librarian; even if he did, that might conceivably not have been murder if she'd had a weapon--I don't remember the details well, and I'm sure many of them are well-hidden.

Dead-on about the multiple murderer question... I believe Wolfe responded with something like "I'm trying to remember who killed who... No, I don't think so." If someone wants to dig out the exact question and answer, that'd be sweet of you.

Just to dig this one up again, the librarian did pull a gun on Weir when they went out to look for the non-existent treasure. I got the distinct impression he killed her, from the conversation he had with Gold afterward. Also, that he was responsible for the deaths of at least the young boy and the man in the freezer, although that has been hotly contested by others on this list in the past...

Narwhal