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### Book Review: Star Wormwood

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#### Abstract

CURTIS BOK, a justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, has here written an horrendous paradigm, dedicated to the proposition that our criminal and penal system is founded on vengeance, which is a bad thing, and that someday we shall learn to regard this system "with the same horrified wonder as we now look back upon the Spanish Inquisition." His simple tale may be shortly summarized. Roger, an adolescent of seventeen, brought up in the depths of the depression, never far from hunger and often close to starvation, obtains temporary employment tending the furnace in a high school. On an evening when he has not eaten for three days, he catches a rabbit in the nearby woods and, in violation of the school rules, prepares to grill it in the furnace. Thus engaged, he is surprised by one Angela, a horrid child of thirteen, the sister of an acquaintance. Angela's disposition, never very sweet, has been soured by the fear that she may be pregnant by her brother, who has just Roger drops broken off an incestuous relationship of some weeks by raping her. Startled, Roger drops the rabbit on the coals, where it is quickly incinerated. Worse, Angela threatens to report his violation of the rules and have him fired. Enraged at losing his dinner and alarmed at the prospect of delation to the authorities, he seizes Angela and shakes her. She screams and struggles. To silence her, he grasps her by the throat. At this point the usual red mist of temporary insanity descends; when Roger comes to himself Angela is dead of anoxemia, fracture or dislocation of the cervical vertebrae, and asphyxia. Aware -that he is in an awkward position, but unaware that a human cadaver is one of the least combustible things in the world, Roger determines to thrust her in the furnace. The top part of Angela goes in fairly easily, but the hindquarters stick. As he heaves and pushes, an arm flops out of the furnace; grasping it, he burns his fingers and -thrusts them in his mouth. Thereupon events proceed as in the Dissertation on Roast Pig. The meat is described (on what evidence .is not clear) as tender, although rare, the crackling being particularly savory. In short, Roger consumes a generous portion of Angela. Thereupon he is sick. He flees the mess in panic, wanders in a trance, is caught and freely confesses.

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They're fond of wormwoods, Below." Satan takes credit for the Artemisia genus much in the way that he is now credited with being the serpent of Eden and the one who showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world. And it's not that Crowley wants the credit for the bulk of that, but the bit about wormwood springing up where the serpent left the garden – that had been pure spite on his part, aimed at Michael directly, and he is disappointed that his brother had obscured his point. "It does smell nice, though, doesn't it." The mushroom sits lightly in his hands, its red canopy flecked with white like tiny stars. "Why don't you do that more often?" Right." As he presses his hand down a bit too hard, book-binding glue smears across the page with a most un-angelic clumsiness. Reviews (0). GoodReads Review. Wormwood . . . the bright star shall fall from the sky . . . and many will die from its bitterness . . . London 1756. In a Bloomsbury attic, Royal Society astronomer Dr Sabian Blake has made an extraordinary discovery. In the Nemorensis, an ancient leather-bound book that holds the secrets of the universe, a scribbled message tells of a devastating comet that will one day bring death and destruction to the city. Now the ancient prophecy has come to pass and the comet has arrived, a harbinger of doom for the city and all who live there. Inside Wormwood Scrubs (Channel 5) was full of similar non-boasts about its 19th century subject. Related articles. Rich House Poor House review: Home truths reveal a lot. Million Pound Menu review: Recipe leaves sour taste. It's a shame this documentary tried to wow us with its section of star villains. It had been home to rock star Pete Doherty, for example, if you think 29 days on remand makes a place a home. It's a shame this documentary tried to wow us with its section of star villains at the start because the rest of it was quite interesting. The Scrubs' creator, a far-sighted Victorian reformer, planned it to be a model prison, where people would be reformed

through work and dignity. It went wrong mainly because too many people got locked up in the crime wave that followed. "Is the Vatican Observatory searching for the star called Wormwood from the Book of Revelation?" This question was asked during the Q&A session that followed a talk about the V.O. given by one of the members of the Vatican Observatory Foundation's Board of Directors. Those who hear "wormwood" and think of an herb, sometimes found in soaps and teas, simply are not keeping up with all the latest from the Internet. Here is the portion of Revelation, from the 8th and 9th chapters, where Wormwood makes an appearance (King James Version): And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepare Read Common Sense Media's Wormwood review, age rating, and parents guide. Directed by renowned filmmaker Errol Morris, WORMWOOD is a six-part docudrama about the mysterious death of a civilian scientist working at a military research lab in the 1950s. In 1953 Frank Olson allegedly committed suicide by jumping out of a New York City hotel window. It wasn't until 1975 that Olson's family, thanks to the release of the President's Commission on CIA Activities within the United States ( aka The Rockefeller Report), learned that Frank died as a result of unknowingly participating in a CIA drug experiment using LSD. The star rating reflects overall quality. Learn how we rate. Facebook Twitter Pinterest Email Print.