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Subject: Re: Smoking Man

Posted by [davidf](#) on Fri, 26 Jan 2001 16:13:58 GMT

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JD Smith (jdsmith@astro.cornell.edu) writes:

> David has cast his net with skill and pulled in a fat bounty of  
> lurkers. For some, the thought of bigger fish, observing silently from  
> just outside the circle of light, floating through a darkened mist  
> unwitnessed, unheard, weighs heavily upon them. So where are the the  
> smoking men, chuckling to themselves, quiet and throaty, in dark  
> windowless rooms? Sipping cold, stained mugs of coffee in the deep  
> recesses of unknown facilities, judging us with passing and ambiguous  
> interest. Manipulating the threads of our enterprise, as a boy  
> redirects the unwavering purposefulness of marching ants along a blade  
> of grass. The puppet-master, the illuminatus mirabilis, for whom our  
> whole culture is but a toy among many, eventually to be discarded.  
> These are the lurkers we fear, yet cannot face. Show thyself!

18!? My wife is right. She is *\*always\** right. :-(

Cheers,

David

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