

Pas' personality

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Derek Bell — 02 Oct 1998, 18:16

In message <199810020528.WAA12742 at lists1.best.com>, marc at continuumsi.com writes :

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Maybe he was upgraded: Pas 2.0 - even more worshipper-friendly!! (Typhon was a buggy alpha release.) ;-)

Derek

Michael Straight — 07 Oct 1998, 09:08 · follows Derek Bell

I guess this should go in the Whorl list, but I'll keep it here where people have been discussing it. Spoilers for the Long Sun books follow.

Marc wrote:

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You have to remember that Pas was killed (erased from Mainframe). The "Pas" we see is a version cobbled together from the splinters of himself that Pas was able to hide here and there. It's not clear how much of the original Pas gets pulled together.

Remember also the vision that Kypris(?) shows Silk of Pas with Silk's face replacing one of Pas's heads. The interesting question is, Which head? If Silk replaces the slave's head, that would imply that Kypris wants Silk to be the host body for Pas's personality in the way that Chenille served for Scylla. But if Silk is replacing Typhon's original head, that might imply that the "Pas" program is crippled and that Silk's personality might be used to replace what is missing, possibly dominating Typhon's personality.

I like to think that perhaps Kypris already downloaded Silk's personality when she showed him that vision and that "Pas" is now an amalgamation of Silk and Typhon.

-Rostrum