

healers and torturers

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Dan Parmenter — 07 Oct 1998, 08:40

From: Jon Camfield <GriffJon at Mail.UTexas.edu>

Two things-- Magic in Urth is very very limited, and for all intents and purposes does not exist (according to Wolfe) the Declan duel Wolfe describes as more psionic and hypnoyic than anything else.

I believe it was Decuman that engaged in the "duel of magic". Declan was one of the people healed by Sev in URTH, I think.

In somewhat of a ironic idea (Wolfe employ irony? never!) Sev's sister could be an unmentioned person in the Healer's Tower. Master Gurloes mentions this tower in one of his rambling lectures to Sev (in which he tends to drop hints he probably shouldn't), but it is never made issue again. The sister would be a 'light' sister to contrast with Sev's 'dark' upbringing, and would be a healer, in line with the Pelerine thread, and would still be within the complex of the Citadel.

Yes, and we are told that torturers never go there.

Of course Severian is a healer too. He is praised as a "leech", and patches up Triskele (after first raising him from the dead :-)

By Gurloes "dropping hints", do you mean hints about Severian's true nature? Or hints about his own ghastly life? I'm thinking of the "metal phallus" scene here.

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Mark Millman — 09 Oct 1998, 08:59 · follows Dan Parmenter

On 7 October at 8:41, Dan Parmenter wrote:

I believe it was Decuman that engaged in the "duel of magic". Declan was one of the people healed by Sev in URTH, I think.

You're right, of course; it is Decuman.

So much for my memory.

Mark Millman