

Dorcas Wrong Body

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m.driussi — 09 Oct 1998, 20:48

Griffjon's fears that Dorcas's soul might have been drawn down into an anonymous body (ala Jonas-riding-Miles) might be assuaged by:

1) the locket Ouen has (i.e., Ouen's mom looks exactly like the Dorcas body--which starts the ball rolling at the Inn of Lost Loves);

2) the fact that Severian looks so much like Ouen (i.e., Severian really is or seems to be the biological offspring of Ouen).

(Note that these family resemblances only go one generation. That is, I don't think Severian ever comes close to saying that his face [dark eyes, dark hair] looks like Dorcas's face [blue eyes, blonde hair]; whereas he does come close to saying that his face looks like Catherine's [dark eyes, dark hair], and others say outloud that he looks like Ouen [blue eyes, blond hair]. So just because Agia has slanted brown eyes and brown hair, this doesn't mean that she isn't Dorcas's granddaughter, by way of the hypothetical second child of Dorcas and perhaps a xanthoderm named [Agi*].)

(Oh, and re: Cyriaca. She is the cheating wife of a powerful landed armiger in the Thrax area. Racho in Nessus, one of the only other armigers we see, would seem to be in the wrong geographical location and too far down the social totem pole to be her husband. It could be possible, of course, but if the husband has been vacant from Thrax for so long then it wouldn't seem to be so pressing to have his wife executed . . . in fact, it might be a bit upsetting for the husband . . . unless it is all a part of a bigger plan that the husband is in on: "Right, I'll go to Nessus, whore around for a few months or years, oggle the dirty pictures at the Old Citadel. My wife will then go about her wanton ways, and when it gets too much, Abdiesus old buddy, you just go ahead and have her kilt. That way my hands are clean of it and I don't have to answer to the inlaws.")

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