

Beuzec

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Roy C. Lackey — 10 Mar 1999, 03:21

I know this character was discussed last summer, but not much came of it. In re-reading *_Claw_* I was struck by the fact that Beuzec never has a speaking part and serves no real plot function. He might as well not be there. This set off alarm bells, particularly as Sev supposes Beuzec to have disappeared into the walls of the House Absolute, never to be seen again. Then he states that these recesses are said to be "inhabited by a species of white wolf" (chapter XIX). I find that to be, literally, unlikely. But, given Wolfe's propensity for interjecting himself into his stories, metaphorically it could be that there is indeed a "white Wolfe" there. Further, I offer these lines, pasted from a translation of a French web page dealing with Saint Budoc. Beuzec is but one of several forms of that name.

* Biography and/or legend

The late legend of Budoc says that he is the son of holy Azénor and the count de Goëlle. His/her mother, rejected by her husband who believes that it is pregnant of another man, is condemned to be locked up in a barrel and pier at sea. When the barrel was opened, Azénor came out with a baby: Budoc. Collected to the monastery of Beauport close to Waterford with his mother, it would have passed her youth to Ireland.

Monk missionary it would have évangélisé Cornwall and would have become abbot of the monastery of Youghal where it had covered the frieze. Its Vita says that to escape dignity archiépiscope it would have passed to armoric Brittany in a stone coffin. Unloaded in Porspoder (Finistère) it would be finally establishes in Plourin-Ploudalmézeau (Finistère). Tradition reports that it went to Dol where it arose to the Magloire bishop, who accepted it like an envoy of the sky, awaiting only this opportunity to resign its load. Budoc wisely controlled the diocese during 20 years.

"- In the calendar of Supplementum missalis AD normam one finds at December 9: Budoc, archbishop of Fraud (of the 8 déc.)"

"- Lavret island (Coast-in Armor), the tradition says that the monastery of the saint was in this island, close to Bréhat."

Archbishop of Fraud? Bréhat=Briah? There is more, but I think the translation suffers from political correctness, and I don't speak French. FWIW.

Roy