

Dorcas drowned

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m.driussi — 07 Apr 1999, 20:56

Cliff Drane,

Thank you for your kind words about the Lexicon. It doesn't give the name of the boatman, I don't think, but Robert Borski and I are in the habit of calling him one version or another of "Charon," since he is so obviously linked to the ferryman of the dead.

I suppose when we all grow up and get serious we will call him "Boatman I, XXII" ("boatman eye-twenty-two") in contrast to "Boatman I, II."

I'm delighted by your observations and speculations since I've had them myself! My essay "Gene Wolfe at the Lake of Birds" (in "Foundation" No. 66, 1996) covered some of the Lady of the Lake elements as well as the "was Dorcas accidentally murdered by her husband?" mystery (I think it quite likely that she was--especially since =she= also seems to remember being dropped into the water!--but maintain the ambiguity).

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