

# Is Agilus a Hierodule? & more

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Roy C. Lackey — 13 Apr 1999, 06:09

On Mon, 12 Apr 1999 20:10:32 +0200 Nicholas Gevers wrote:  
Could Agilus be a hierodule? (What with masks within masks.)<<

I don't think so. That would make Agia one, too. And Sev had a very good look at his head, after all. <g> If they had been hierodules they wouldn't have wanted Sev's sword, would they? And why would a hierodule want to kill Sev? Agia certainly kept trying. I don't think she would have had any interest in running around in the forest playing Girl-Robin Hood in a pointless game, either.

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Not to mention the many whores like Candy and Hyacinth and a fondness for whorehouses.

Sev goes out of his way to say that torturers don't get off on what they do. Bull. Sev sure does; many of those he has sex with are women over whom he exercises power of one sort or another (Thecla, Dorcas, Cyriaca, Pia).

Has anyone written an article about these sexual angles in Wolfe's work?

Roy

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Michael Straight — 13 Apr 1999, 08:41 · follows Roy C. Lackey

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I've suspected in other contexts that one way Christian authors avoid getting pegged as "Christian Authors" is to write alot about sex. I wonder if Wolfe might have a little of that bug.

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