

Typhon Era Fliers

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Macronaut — 23 Sep 1999, 14:49

My first post, and I hope one that does not repeat an earlier discussion!

An earlier post remarked on the difference between the locust-like fliers in the era of Typhon and the cherry leaf fliers in use at the time of the Autarchy. Could the locust-shaped fliers be attack helicopters of some sort? -- it seems to me that the blunt cylindrical bodies of such craft might resemble a locust or grasshopper.

Mitchell A. Bailey — 24 Sep 1999, 15:24 · follows Macronaut

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Another thought floated up unbidden like a denizen of the Lake of Birds, who spat up its lead slingstones, even as I write: one of the final plagues in Revelation involved "locusts" which ascend from the Pit and attack people. Did Wolfe want to evoke that reference, tangentially? Make of that what you will.

Macronaut — 24 Sep 1999, 13:41 · follows Mitchell A. Bailey

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I think it fits in very well with the idea of human interstellar empire, as represented by Typhon, as a plague upon the face of the Earth, ravaging its resources, driving down galactic property values, etc. etc.

--- "Mitchell A. Bailey" <MAB at lindau.net> wrote:
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