

Typhon/exultants

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As usual, or perhaps moreso, none of these points are unarguable. (Which makes me wonder why I bother putting them up.)

Exultants as offworld invaders:

- Jonas says they are new (II, ch. 10).
- Thecla born under zodiac sign of Swan (IV, ch 23), not possible on Urth/Earth, but possible in a different star system.
- their greater height may originally have been reflective of adaptation to a gravity field less than 1 gee. [!This is speculation!]
- they have access to higher technology (energy weapons, and by extension fliers, clones, human bioengineering) that in the text is called "stellar level" (fliers, clones, human bioengineering would not appear to fit in the "smith" or "Urth" levels of technology).

Typhon as offworld invader:

- "I have told you that I was autarch on many worlds . . . This world, the most ancient of all, I made my capital. That was an error . . . those to whom I had given control of such ships as could reach the stars had fled in them" (III, ch. 26). Were the ships controlled by exultants, or mere sailors?

Linkage between exultants and Typhon:

- exultants are ancient nobility (implying that they predate the Autarchy), armigers are newer petty nobility (there is a suggestion in the text that they were created by the Autarch to keep the exultants in check).
- Vodulus seems to want to recreate the Monarchy (but then again, most of the trappings he talks about were also inherited by the Autarchy, so perhaps it boils down to Vodulus's technophilic militaristic expansionistic drive, which, by definition, looks like the Monarchy).

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