

Swan, Jonasmiles

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m.driussi — 22 Apr 1997, 17:42

Reply: Item #9534187 from URTH at LISTS.BEST.COM@INTERNET#

Newt,

Speaking of fin-de-siecle aristocracy, I think that Thecla's birth sign is a pointer towards Proust. Specifically, one of the more heroic characters in REMEMBRANCE OF THINGS PAST is a doomed nobleman named Swann; his torturous and jealousy driven love-life incredibly anticipates that of Marcel the narrator (is he imitating Swann or is he remembering Swann so vividly because later events conspired to make him into a Swann-clone?), in a manner refreshingly open to those who have wrestled with the "Severian and first-Severian" paradox; Swann's daughter Gilberte is one of the two love-objects in Marcel's life, but it is the other one (Albertine) who becomes entombed within Marcel; etc.

Re: Typhon's operation. Don't forget V, ch. 38 and 39. Also factor in the young ages of the offspring gods of the Whorl. Cobble together a timeline and put it up for review!

Re: what resurrected Typhon. I don't want to alarm you <g>, but remember that whole thing about child sacrifice? About how maybe, just maybe, Jerboa killed a human child, for which he was impregnated with a piece of Pas? Well, on Urth little Severian was charred ala Moloch while running towards the wedding band of the idol's dexter sinister (note: idol looking in sinister direction of sunset rather than holy direction of sunrise). (Typhon claims to have seen the boy get blasted, but was that an astral body vision?) Anywho, such practices fall under the heading of "tanist."

In a round-about way, I argue that it was the Claw; but I agree with you (or hope that you will agree with me?) that the Claw is a creepy and capricious thing.

Like Jonas/Miles. Happy version: Miles as the name of his peg-leg; in Yesod Jonas was repaired into a fully biological creature, came back to Urth in the past (Yesod time flow being the way it is), joined the army still hunting for Jolenta, was killed near Orithyia; coincidentally found and resurrected by Severian. Aside from the incredible coincidence, all points function within known bounds: Claw, Yesod, lost souls searching for their loved ones (Dorcas and her husband; alzado and Casdoe's family), etc.

Disturbing version: Miles a victim; the Claw aids and abets astral body Jonas to hijack the newly resurrected body of an anonymous dead soldier--why? Because Severian needs a friend at that moment (!). This would be an unusual trick for the Claw, but then, that's part of its nature, too--doing the unexpected. Miracles.

Severian seems to believe the disturbing version and (I think) doesn't even consider the happy version. FWIW.

"Jonasmiles" like the Chesire cat?

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