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Endy — 28 Mar 2000, 04:35

RE: The Beautiful Ones, They Always Hurt U

On Sun, 26 Mar 2000

"Talarican" <exultnttalarican at mindspring.com> scribed

or, Revenge of the Annese

I take it "No Planets Strike" plays off the old legend that the animals present in the stable during the Nativity were briefly gifted with speech.

Wonder how that legend arose anyway?

What struck me in "No Planets Strike" was what a wimpy galactic authority seems to be operating. A (shapechanging!) people who use swords they can't even make, but must obtain in trade, imprison spacegoing humans on their planet and torture them if they misbehave, and the humans cower in their starships and do nothing about it? (and keep selling them swords?!)

They want to stay alive and not be tortured.

You can tell this isn't Typhon's empire, for sure. Typhon would send a squad of chem soldiers with slug guns, or an erentarus of fusiliers, to Sidhe to kick Beautiful butt and take Beautiful names.

It was my understanding that no one was ever allowed to leave so Typhon or anyone else wouldn't know what the Beautiful Ones were doing. It was a sleepy backwater planet that got few visitors who no one ever saw again. Probably not worth Typhon's time if he did know about it. I would expect it to be quarantined rather than attacked.

It's as though the humans were ruled and protected by a United Federation of Planets which not only has a Prime Directive, but actually takes it seriously (unlike in Star Trek). Or, maybe the attraction of the Beautiful Ones is so irresistible as to overcome the threat of military force (but chem soldiers?...)

I wonder what the point of the Beautiful Ones' prohibition on human reproduction was? It seems more a parallel with the Sojourn in Egypt than the Slaughter of the Innocents. Better yet, how is it implemented? Are the humans forbidden to, um, make babies, or are any who are born kidnapped?

The

name "Sidhe" seems to imply a connection with the Celtic tutelary beings notorious for child-snatching. What do they do with the children they take? And surely they don't substitute a "changeling" of their own for it.

Good questions, I wonder too.

And that miraculous child is supposed to save them? Wonder how?

Letting other's know what is happening on the planet?

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