

History of the Guild

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Christopher Culver — 16 Apr 2000, 22:17

Hello all,

(Back after about a year's absence from the list).

Two brief speculations on the history of the guild of torturers:

- 1) The tradition that masters of the guild wear a cloak but no shirt comes from Severian's imprisonment in the time of Typhon's reign, when he wore only the officer's cape. Having Severian be a founder of his own guild would be the sort of irony that is common in UotNs.
- 2) Severian, remembering his time in the classroom of Master Malrubius, quotes Malrubius as speaking about Severian's diligence, and trailing off with, "There was a boy..." Is it generally accepted that he was speaking of Palaemon (before his exile)?

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