

Thecla of Urth

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m.driussi — 23 Apr 1997, 15:21

Reply: Item #6034925 from URTH at LISTS.BEST.COM@INET02#

Nutria,

Whoops! I just realized that you (probably) logically suppose that I think that Thecla was born offworld, hence her exotic zodiac sign.

No, I don't think that. I agree with you that Thecla and Thea and all the other exultants we see are born on Urth. Their ancestors were invaders from "other shores" as the brown book would put it; like towering Vikings or Normans; perhaps closer to the US occupational forces in Japan at the end of WWII--there's the "alien-ness," the stature, the frightful alien technology, the devastated local economy.

My thinking re: the Swan sign is that it is part of a sacred calendar used by the exultants, a remnant of the other place they were before (fairyland, planet x). Like other sacred calendars (the Aztecs had an elaborate one), it clashes with the civic calendar.

Let me be the first to admit that there is nothing in the text to support this particular reading. Except that it doesn't try to juryrig the Swan into the Urth zodiac. <g>

But all this is very fine detail work.

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