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Dan'l Danehy-Oakes — 17 May 2001, 15:54

Mantis wrote:

Jane Doe as Lilith is a very strong thread, agreed.

Don't like it, but have to agree. (Side note -- Lilith is often identified with the Greek snake-women, lamiae, which adds flavor to this.)

Okay. So the NP beams a copperhead and Jane Doe rises up.

Right.

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Realistically, `_none_` of this makes sense...

Meanwhile, there is the repeated trouble in Spokane. That and the question of "how long to the next election," these are the points that sound like "National Crisis" to me.

I can't help thinking you're seeing what you want to see there -- indications of crisis are ambiguous at best; I suspect that, if there's a crisis going on, it's only a crisis for the NP, not for the whole country.

I certainly think you're reading-into the conversation with the security guy.

And Roy wrote:

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Michael Straight — 18 May 2001, 08:26 · follows Dan'l Danehy-Oakes

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Better yet, Lewis's *Perelandra*, in which a human from Earth becomes the agent of evil attempting to orchestrate a second fall on the Edenic Venus.

I like the idea that, disasterous as Lilith is running amok in our world, the NP, a fallen human, would be a worse threat to unfallen Eden. (But it only works if Lilith is not talking about Cain and Abel after all.)

-Rostrum