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Michael Andre-Driussi — 25 Oct 2001, 15:53

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[snip]

Title: "Useful Phrases" (in Strange Travelers)
Pseudo-Author: unknown
Pseudo-Title: Tohish Ablar Sens-Orriyya Ert ("Useful Phrases for Piteous Visitors to Earth")
Comments: A phrase book for travelers, written in the alien language Tcove'.

That's "T-c-o^-v-e'"

[snip]

Title: The Book of the Long Sun
Pseudo-Author: Scleroderma

Pseudo-Title: unknown

Comments: a manuscript on history that the author witnessed

On "Vironese history" might be more clear.

Title: The Book of the Short Sun

Pseudo-Author: (the guy from Chicago--how did that one go?)

Pseudo-Title: unknown

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[snip]

Title: John Glaskin (in Bibliomen)

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Pseudo-Title: Sixpence for Buns

Comments:

Obscure British novelist's first novel (1918?).

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Pseudo-Author: John Glaskin

Pseudo-Title: Brideshead

Comments:

Published before 1947.

Title: John Glaskin (in Bibliomen)

Pseudo-Author: John Glaskin

Pseudo-Title: You Can't Go Home at All

Comments:

Published before 1937.

Title: Kirk Patterson Arthurs, Ph.D. (in Bibliomen)

Pseudo-Author: Kirk Patterson Arthurs

Pseudo-Title: Fiction in Fancy Dress: John Glaskin et al Exposed (1996)

Comments: Glaskin a fiction.

Glaskin himself a fiction, created by a Ph. D. candidate.

[snip]

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Has Moved To

<http://www.siriusfiction.com/>

Jerry Friedman — 26 Oct 2001, 12:27 · follows Michael Andre-Driussi

--- Michael Andre-Driussi <mantis at siriusfiction.com> wrote:

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Circumflex. Here I thought you were French! (Or a probably bilingual child of French immigrants, or something.)

But then you probably thought I'd read _Peace_.

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The author of the "real" _Necronomicon_ in Lovecraft is named Abdul Alhazred, so I think this one would be clearest as "Pseudo-Author: Louis Gold, writing as Abdul Alhazred". Unless the Lovecraft _Necronomicon_ in _Peace_ is described as anonymous.

I'll insert another two commas into the list of pseudo-titles above.

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Again the pseudo-author has a pseudonym. Your version makes sense, but I think it's clearer as "Pseudo-Author: Louis Gold, writing as Amanda Ros"

Has anyone suggested that either of these books might be _The Book of Gold_?

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I'll include all your other corrections and clarifications.

Oh--any hints on where in TBotSS I should look for the history by the guy from Chicago? I have only a vague memory of that.

Jerry Friedman