

names + Typhon

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maa32 — 20 Jun 2002, 17:35

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Dan'l Danehy-Oakes — 20 Jun 2002, 17:42 · follows maa32

Good post, Marc.

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Nota bene: Typhon and his whole family have mythical names aboard the starcrosser Whorl.

And who shall I say is calling?

Michael Straight — 20 Jun 2002, 19:07 · follows Dan'l Danehy-Oakes

On Thu, 20 Jun 2002, Dan'l Danehy-Oakes wrote:

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Took me a moment to realize you are saying Typhon is not a citizen of the Commonwealth, rather than that Typhon is not a saint, which would disqualify most uses of the convention...

-Rostrum

Jerry Friedman — 20 Jun 2002, 20:32 · follows Michael Straight

--- Dan'l Danehy-Oakes <ddanehy at siebel.com> wrote:

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There's a Saint Piaton (which proves nothing, since there were lots of people named Simon--Shim`on, I think--before anyone was in a position to be a Catholic saint).

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Jerry Friedman

Alice K. Turner — 21 Jun 2002, 02:00 · follows Jerry Friedman

No one has brought up the fact that Vodalus etc. have Roman/Latin names. Which is what Juterna has too; it may indicate whose side you're on in a very simple way (Romans v. Christians). Also that group of warrior renegades (haven't the energy to look it up) in the forrest have Germanic names. I think all this stuff is in -Lexicon Urthus- actually.

-alga

matthew.malthouse — 21 Jun 2002, 12:23 · follows Alice K. Turner

On 20/06/2002 18:35:31 maa32 wrote:

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Of the word alien do you mean "non-human" or "not of Urth".

Typhon's story suggests that he is human but not of earth.

Talos is of Urth but created (by Baldanders).

And that put's me in mind of a third distinction. Are the heirodules not created (in the hey, look what I cooked up rather than the created He them, male and female kind)?

Matthew

James Wynn — 20 Jun 2002, 21:22 · follows matthew.malthouse

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Crush clarifies his murky perspective:

For purposes of this thread I presume the term "alien" has taken on them meaning "non-human sentient being originating on another planet" ever since the following discourse between Blattid and Robert Borski's in Borski's posting on 6/17:

Blattid wrote:

"The undines, as near as can be told, _are_ homo sapiens -- they are more advanced cases of the process to which Baldanders has been subjecting himself."

Borski responded:

Not sure I agree with this.

How's that?

-- Crush