

PEACE INDEXICON timeline

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Roy C. Lackey — 08 Aug 2002, 20:58

Robert B. writes:

I was going by the timeline in the Peace Indexicon, where under the Golden Year, six events are listed, including the following: "Charlie Turner, the dog man, arrives unexpectedly."

Ah, now I understand the confusion! The timeline you were looking at was the one mantis made based on the Liberty magazine clue and included in the prototype for the Peace Indexicon. The timeline that appeared in the final printing of Peace Indexicon was considerably revised, reflecting further thought and refinement, and some terminology changed. The online version of the timeline at <http://www.siriusfiction.com/> is fundamentally the same as the print version.

But how can this be? Den's stroke is years in the future--long after he has sex with Sherry Gold. It's clearly impossible--and yet there it is, right on the page before us. Possible solutions include: 1) post-stroke Den is looking back to the encounter and re-imagining it from the perspective of his current present, complete with revisionist dialogue; 2) Den, adrift in a maze of memories, is conflating events, as confused or disoriented as anyone who's suffered a stroke, or in the twilight of their life has vivid recollections of their childhood, but can't remember what they had to eat yesterday.

I opt for solution #1. There are other examples of anachronistic dialogue.

-Roy