

The Plan of Typhon/Pas and the Plausibility of Blue/Ushas

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Jeff Veyera — 16 Nov 2002, 18:33

Roy wrote:

Rather than argue the nuts-and-bolts, let me address the thematic objections. As you acknowledge, the galaxy had been conquered long ago by the First Empire. The effect of Urth being turned into Ushas was largely symbolic; it wasn't going to wipe out the human race. It was much too late for that. The wounding of Urth's sun, whether directly by Typhon's actions or as retribution for them, had no galaxy-wide ripple effect. Agents of the Increate, judging from Apheta's testimony, were constrained, somewhat, by the laws of physics from punishment en masse.

To credit the two-headed madman Sev met on the mountain in the Age of the Monarch with building and launching the _Whorl_ with the intent of having it return, a thousand years in the future, to restock the planet with the flora and fauna and, especially, the people of old Urth, presupposes that Typhon knew the future. More specifically, that Typhon knew that the Conciliator would come, that the New Sun would supplant him, that all his works, including his monumental carved mountain, would be drowned with little or no trace remaining to show that he had ever existed. That is not the megalomaniac I read about in NS. Typhon was a bad guy, not a savior. Typhon was emblematic of the problem, not the solution.

Jeff responds:

Typhon DID know the Conciliator had come. He met them, and certainly witnessed the effect his "miracles" had on his subjects---some defected. This is all covered in UotNS.

Is it possible that Typhon originally intended the Whorl to be a starcrosser, reclaiming some aspects of his interplanetary empire, but changed the Plan of Pas late in the game as he realized that the Conciliator's claims regarding the Old Sun's demise and the coming of the New Sun might well be true? Typhon certainly might have had the wherewithal to at least validate the Conciliator's claims of a black hole at the heart of the Old Sun, even if he was originally unaware of it.

For Typhon, this might have been the ultimate last laugh on the rebels who were defeating him: they would triumph short-term, he in the long run.

I suspect it might even had to do with choosing a spot likely to survive the coming deluge for his keep---once the waters receded, there was Typhon, awaiting to be awakened by the Whorl cargo taught over centuries to worship him as a god.

Is this not a fitting Plan of Pas?