

Venus of D'oh!

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Michael Andre-Driussi — 25 Nov 2002, 22:15

I wrote:

Back up again. We have often wondered who Charlie's father is, and we have posited Julius Smart among others. Yet these things go together: a man of a certain generation older than Weer (Smart) meets an armless woman (or creates her ala Pygmalion: don't forget, Pygmalion carved a statue of Aphrodite, and that goddess brought it to life; the resulting woman, some give her name as Galatea, bore him a son!) and finds her very attractive.

Would he then poison his wife? Or was she a victim of his attempts to remake her into something more like Venus?

In any event, the possibility remains that Charlie could be Smart's son, and as such, the true heir to the Smart empire.

But mainly: Janet is Venus, and Charlie is Cupid. In one common tradition, Cupid is the son of Aphrodite by Zeus or Ares or Hermes. The best match for Smart would be Hermes, the god of the alchemists as well as liars, tricksters, and thieves.

No, no -- I meant "Charlie as son of Tilly." Smart is more like a Prometheus, a fellow who stole the fire; Smart is the usurper of the throne for which any child of Tilly would be the rightful heir.

And the dog boy would make a hairy heir.

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