

absurd time anchor

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maa32 — 27 Nov 2002, 14:50

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Or the affinity between Malrubius and Silk could serve as that anchor. I need to re-read the texts again. I will find a link the next time through. Marc Aramini

Chris — 27 Nov 2002, 17:05 · follows maa32

I don't know about the first (though I have my own theory as to Severian's presentiments, and the apparent Severian/Severian-2 deal).

With the second, though, the problem is that even if Severian is a sort of magnet for such events, Severian is practically everywhere and everywhen. So not only does he have to be a vortex, but he has to be more of a vortex at that *particular* time than any other time.

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