

recognition of Typhon

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maa32 — 04 Jan 2003, 23:43

Of course Typhon recognizes Severian. He says, "If you kneel before me, the New Sun will kneel before me when he comes." Right after they talk about the New Sun and the Conciliator being the SAME PERSON. Not only does Typhon know Severian, he knows about the sea powers and already seeks an alliance with them, and he knows about Severian's relic (ostensibly claiming that he knows about it from watching him try to use it on Little Severian - but it doesn't do crap there, does it? He must know about it from somewhere/when else.) It's very, very hard to read that scene without believing that Typhon knows precisely who Typhon is, especially with the Conciliator/New Sun/Severian connection made by Typhon himself.

Marc Aramini

Roy C. Lackey — 05 Jan 2003, 09:33 · follows maa32

Marc Aramini wrote:

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You put that in quotes. As if it came from the text. It doesn't. Severian's entire meeting with Typhon runs from page 184 to page 197 of SWORD, Timescape hardback, 170-182 paper. He said no such thing.

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New Sun and the Conciliator being the SAME PERSON.<<

Nope. Typhon never mentioned the New Sun. The closest you can come is that Sev mentioned him once: "Autarch, what of the New Sun, if at last he comes? Will you be his enemy too, as you were the enemy of the Conciliator?" Sev speaks as if the New Sun and the Conciliator were not the same person. Typhon answered: "Swear to me, and believe me, when he comes I shall be his master, and he my most abject slave." Then Sev killed him. There was no mention of the New Sun during their brief meeting in URTH, either.

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What he actually said was: "There are powers in the seas now who would rule. They will become our slaves, and the hordes of the north are theirs." Slaves, not allies. Typhon's ego would never allow him to share power.

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He "saw the sacred fire" of the gem when Sev tried to use it on Little Severian, that's all.

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Typhon had never heard of the New Sun before Sev said it, and he was dead five seconds after hearing it.

-Roy