

DOORS: what city, please?

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Michael Andre-Driussi — 17 Jan 2003, 01:16

Hey Roy! (And everybody else.)

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=mantis=

Dan'I Danehy-Oakes — 17 Jan 2003, 01:31 · follows Michael Andre-Driussi

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Just a data point: I was working for TPC at the time -- the official break-up was 1/1/84. If that helps.

(There was a mini-break-up on 1/1/83, when certain parts of the national company became the "Fully Separated Subsidiary," but by "break-up" most people would refer to when the local companies were spun off as separate entities.)

Roy C. Lackey — 18 Jan 2003, 04:44 · follows Dan'I Danehy-Oakes

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OTOH, in Green's world, "The city was far enough south that really severe winter weather was exceptional." (214) Yet the two worlds have to share the same geography. The bad winter in the Otherworld must have been a fluke.

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The numbers are inconsistent. When Green came back to our world it was April 15, 1989. (Based on the date 6/6/88 in the file on North that Green found, p-128. It was January in the Otherworld when Green left. After Yule.) April 16, he was put in the booby hatch. He got out during his second summer there (207-08). Then three Christmases went by after he went back to work. (210) The next February he was transferred to the uptown store. Sometime after Daylight Savings Time stopped, but before Christmas of that year (November, 1993?), he rediscovered Tina and went through a "door" in the arcade and was collared by the woman from the haberdashery. She had been holding the pants for "four months". (236) That would make it still May, 1989 in the Otherworld. Four months passed in the Otherworld, about 55 months in our world for Green.

-Roy