

TBOTNS Various questions

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Craig Brewer — 16 Jun 2003, 02:58

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3) When Sev mentions that the Guild has lots its prestige and is down to now only about 20 journeymen, does he mean this number to reflect only those in the tower? In other words, are there other carnifexes trained by the torturers wandering around?

4) And (I know this is a bit of an old topic), but why does Sev still see the bands on Agilus as if he were still wearing a mask after he reveals the face that Sev recognizes as a twin to Agia's? Is he still wearing another mask or does Sev misinterpret these "bands"? (Ch. 17)

5) Why is there open space inside the wall of Nessus (where Sev performs with Talos and Baldanders the first time)? Baldanders says that Talos is wrong for thinking that it is just space to grow (S&C, 206-7)?

6) Is Jonas' story at the end of Shadow about Typhon? Who, then, is the prophetess in the story? The Cumean or some precursor of Abaia?

7) Are Green Men common? Severian isn't too surprised at the news, nor do the people in Saltus seem to think

that it's absolutely incredible. They speak about him as if he's a type of legendary figure rather than a single freak. So have others travelled back in time before? (p. 228)

Any insights/clarifications?

Craig

Matt DeLuca — 16 Jun 2003, 11:08 · follows Craig Brewer

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good question I don't know. But the atrium of time does lead to Severian's mauoselum.

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