

Severian and the skull

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Christopher Culver — 08 Jul 2003, 11:34

Marc Aramini wrote:

The recent discussion has prompted me to look once again at the end of Urth of the New Sun. I think we can all agree that the skull that Severian finds at the bottom of the lake when he goes diving. You can count me out. I've never believed the skull was of a former Severian. I think that it is just an object which allows Severian to meditate on how many people he has killed to save Urth. From th
Christopher Culver

Andrew Bollen — 08 Jul 2003, 12:57 · follows Christopher Culver

Christopher says:

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Me too!

I don't think relics of prototype Sev's or their worlds exist in our Sev's world. At least, I don't see much reason to suppose they do. Sev encountering his own corpse in UOTNS doesn't count, IMO: that was a different kind of resurrection.