

One Ship

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Ashley Crill — 13 Aug 2003, 04:07

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...it contains Chems very similar in construction and role to those found in the Whorl. Jonas himself seems to be a chem, and is a sailor as well. Jonas does not seem to be his original name, but the name of the sailor whos body he made use of, much as he took on the name

Miles at a later point.

Crush responds:

Well, Jonas is a different kind of chem than Marble. All the chems are very heavy (Sand is "five-hundred weight" and Marble is too heavy for Silk to lift) but when Severian picked up Jonas he was surprised to discover how light he was. While the story reiterates two or three times how light Hyacinth is and I think there's something to *that*, it is clear that Jonas is a different kind of chem from the standard chems of the Whorl. Mind, I believe Jonas' light weight does work into the Long Sun plot.

Nevertheless, IIRC it was Miles who was the human body that Jonas took on -- a whole-body-prosthesis for a robot, just as the Ayuntamiento took chems as whole-body prosthesises. Jonas was all artificial, and Jonas is not a mineral (I don't think).

Ash argues:

...the name 'Sideros' means 'iron', which fulfills the need for a mineral name. Ossipago himself is a machine...Sideros notes that beings like himself were originally created as protective suits against the vacuum of space, but later took on specific roles within the ship...Severian sees 'several beings of polished metal', and Sideros is one of those. If Chems were created on board the ship as Sideros claims, then for them to be present on the Starcrosster the two ships would have to be one and the same.

Crush responds:

Once again, while Sideros uses the same naming convention as the Whorl, his origin is more like that of a talos than a chem. And I don't think there is any mention of names.

Kypis notes that she was familiar with "robots" on Urth; further evidence that the origin of the chems is Urth-born not shipborn.

Finally, Ossipago and her comrades are not named after minerals, but after gods.

The only way I can think to salvage this theory is to say that Severian's ship was *first* the Whorl, retrofitted over time to eventually become Severian's ship. In that case, the time-line problems disappear and all the problems in technology can be explained by the passage of time. This is a less elegant solution than you were looking for since it doesn't explain "the cargo". But IMO it resolves some nasty snarls.

-- Crush

Ashley Crill — 13 Aug 2003, 22:46 · follows James Wynn

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Roy C. Lackey — 14 Aug 2003, 03:51 · follows Ashley Crill

Ashley Crill wrote:

[amid much snippage]

I'm of the opinion that the Starcrosser we see in The Book of the Long Sun
is the same ship as the one upon which Severian sailed to Yesod.<<

Nah. Silk and others from the airship saw the _Whorl_ and the Short Sun of the Blue-Green
system from outside the ship when they visited Mainframe in EXODUS. The colonists saw the
ship as well, from the landers. The _Whorl_ was visible to the naked eye in orbit from Blue,
therefore could not have been contained within another vessel. Tzadkiel's ship, at a comparable
distance, would have blotted out the stars in a big chunk of night sky.

Second, it contains Chems very similar in construction and role to those
found in the Whorl. Jonas himself seems to be a chem, and is a sailor as
well.<<

Sidero and his kind were glorified spacesuits with an attitude. They were hollow, meant to be
worn by men, so they were relatively light of weight. Sev put on Sidero. Jonas was also
lightweight (as Sev noted when he picked him up in the Antechamber), but was not large
enough for a man to climb inside. Chems are an entirely different kind of machine. They have
an access plate in their torsos, but are not hollow. They are also very, very heavy (particularly
the males), as Crane noted in chapter 12 of LAKE: "Lemur there weighs four times as much as
you and me together."

-Roy