

Gilling's killer

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Seth Lombardi — 04 Jan 2005, 05:31

What would be Sir Garvaon's motive for killing Gilling? (Rhyme unintentional) And why would Wolfe conceal this for so long?

Jealousy. Garvaon loved Idnn, and was obviously a more worthy suitor than either the monstrous Gilling or the cowardly Svon.

It wasn't concealed for very long, as Wolfe's puzzles go.

For this and other reasons, I am fairly certain that Iddn is the murderer.

When Able says that the killer cannot be punished, Garvaon is dead, but Idnn is still alive.

I'm still uncertain about all this... Gilling gets stabbed twice... right? Is it the same person both times? Seems unlike Wolfe. Is that really Gilling on that flying horse? I'm not sure.

She agreed to marry Gilling to achieve power, which she maintains with her army of giantesses, but killed him because sexual congress would mean her death either in coitus or in giving birth to a giant, as Wolfe makes gruesomely explicit.

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"Two faces are alike; neither is funny by itself, but side by side their likeness makes us laugh"
-Pascal

David Lebling — 04 Jan 2005, 06:08 · in reply to Seth Lombardi

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Andrew Bollen — 04 Jan 2005, 06:30 · in reply to David Lebling

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I'm really not sure why ummm the witch-ghost put on her repulsive little giant-human sex show for Toug. What gives with that? The only reason I can see for her doing it is to (unsuccessfully) attempt to induce Toug to kill Gilling, but why does she want to do that? She has some kind of agenda amongst the giants, perhaps just in aid of Idnn (who is nice to her cat) and/or Able (who was nice to her bones) - but it's totally unclear to me what's going on. And why does Beel think that Toug did try to kill Gilling?

There may be some kind of Wolfean hidden story in the long Toug-amongst-the-Giants part of the book.

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harlekin at earthlink.net — 04 Jan 2005, 10:51 · follows Andrew Bollen

Gilling is a particularly large giant, so this may have something to do with it as well. Don

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