

Key to the Universe

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Kevin Taylor — 28 Mar 1998, 15:25

hello. Since I'm new to the list, I'll try and be brief; The thing I've always wondered about most in BotNS is to be found in Citadel, Chpt. XXXIV, p. 286-288 in which Severian recounts Master Malrubius' explanation of the cyclical nature of the universe: Why is that the first three paragraphs of this account repeat themselves on the next page, then suddenly veer off in a new direction? I've always figured this to be a typo, but then again, it could be deliberate inconsistency. Has this ever been discussed before?

Kevin

C R Culver — 29 Mar 1998, 01:25 · follows Kevin Taylor

Kevin said:

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Don't bother; if everyone else rambles on and on about our inane topics, no reason you can't either <g> Welcome to the list.

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There are those among us here, mostly epopts of the BotNS, who use the 1994 Orb two-volume reissue. Can you provide the paragraph numbers of those of which you are speaking?

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m.driussi — 29 Mar 1998, 03:51 · follows C R Culver

Reply: Item #2403193 from URTH at LISTS.BEST.COM@INET01#

Kevin,

Hello and welcome aboard! To answer your question--I believe it is a large typo that first (and last?) appeared in the original paperback editions of THE CITADEL OF THE AUTARCH in chapter 34 (at least, that is where I earlier found what you are talking about). This typo does not appear in SFBC hardcover editions, nor (I presume) in the Simon & Schuster editions.

(FWIW I covered this in "Lexicon Urthus: Additions, Errata, &cetera--Volume 2.")

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