

# Changing Sev

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thalassocrat at nym.hush.com — 08 Apr 2006, 07:39

On the same theme as before ...

In Ch IV of Shadow, Sev says of his finding Triskele: "I felt that it could have & should have changed everything, but it was only the episode of a few months [ie, the week he had him & the remainder of winter, during which he saw him once or twice a month] and when it was over ... nothing had changed."

In Ch 19 of RTTW, Sev makes his comment about not putting SilkHorn in his book, because nobody would believe it. Remembering this prompts Hide/Hoof (whichever) to write his little passage about SilkHorn's terrifying goodness, concluding: "... I think when somebody is really, really good, as good as he was, the rules change."

So maybe a hint that the change Sev had expected in Shadow will now actually occur in a new time-line, because of SilkHorn.

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Interrupted by Oreb while dragging Sev away, Gurloes flees from what he thinks is a sudden apparition of the dead Malrubius. Instead of following him, Sev calmly takes his visitors down to meet Triskele. What would the next meeting between Gurloes and Sev be like??? I don't see Sev getting away from any such meeting free & unmaimed. I think Sev's off through the underground corridors with Triskele, a torturer no more ...

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Roy C. Lackey — 08 Apr 2006, 18:11 · follows thalassocrat at nym.hush.com

Andrew wrote:

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-Roy

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thalassocrat at nym.hush.com — 08 Apr 2006, 21:20 · follows Roy C. Lackey

On Sun, 09 Apr 2006 04:11:19 +1000 "Roy C. Lackey"

<rclackey at stic.net> wrote:

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Oops - wanted to think more about that; left it in by mistake.

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Thomas Bitterman — 17 Apr 2006, 01:52 · in reply to thalassocrat at nym.hush.com

thalassocrat at nym.hush.com wrote:

Thinking about what happens to Sev during the RTTW episodes, I do find it hard to believe that subsequent events will follow the New Sun course.

If they don't, how will Sev write the book that Wolfe found and we read?

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Many people were able to continue being bad after meeting SilkHorn. I'd like to think that Severian found SilkHorn just as tedious as I did and was just humoring a well-meaning but dotty old man.

Perhaps Wolfe is using the meeting to point out the dangers of using a book written many years after a previous book to interpret the former.

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