

Thecla/Hethor

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b sharp — 05 May 2006, 15:21

Matthew, thanks for the correct text submission. I should have waited until my books were in front of me before posting. And I had considered your interpretation of "no shipmates" to mean "they are not my mates".

By interesting coincidence I was just discussing with a friend about how Americans don't use the word "mate" by itself to mean friend, usually. So I still consider the phrase "no shipmates" to be a bit cryptic.

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Macronaut — 05 May 2006, 17:09 · in reply to Matthew King

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--- Matthew King <automatthew at gmail.com> wrote:

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I can't remember what happened at Severian's last encounter with Hethor, which by this conjecture would be Hethor's first.

Matthew

pthwndxrcldp — 05 May 2006, 17:23 · in reply to Macronaut

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On 5/5/06, Macronaut <macronaut at yahoo.com> wrote:

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mournings glory — 05 May 2006, 17:37 · in reply to Macronaut

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URTH, Chapter XIII, "The Battles," paragraph 3:

"Again my semblance stepped forward. Having relieved myself of something of the contempt I felt for him, I was able to note his dragging foot and the arrogant angle at which he poised his head. The leader spoke again, and a little man with dirty gray hair like Hethor's told me, 'He desires you to do likewise. If you do not, we will kill you.'"

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Excellent point, and one that I don't believe has been mentioned before.

EmSG

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With the right information for each version, it shouldn't be too hard to put together an approximate-page-reference-translator.

Does anyone know of a convenient compilation of edition information? For the omnibus editions, breakdown into pages by section would be necessary.

maru dubshinki — 06 May 2006, 07:34 · in reply to pthwndxrclzp

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Hmm. I don't really know. Does it actually matter? I mean, they are simply different physical editions, and so far as I know, the actual text doesn't vary (and varying texts, in the abstract sense, is the usual bone of contention), which would seem to be more important. It doesn't seem to matter even for citations, since everybody in the list seems to go Book, Chapter, and verse, rather than page numbers.

~maru