

Vulpine Talos

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Russell Wodell wrote- "On a totally separate note: Has anyone else wondered why Wolfe has never referred to the two most famous vulpine authors: Thomas Wolfe and Virginia Woolf?"

I'll use the gentle correction of lupine for vulpine to segue into another physical appearance topic: Which BotNS characters have red hair and is there a connection? I notice Roche, Dr. Talos, Jolenta, Fechin and Daria (and possibly Inire).

Roche's hair especially seems to get excessive attention throughout the text for such a minor character, notably in Severian's psilocybic dream in the hetman's house on Lake Diuturna.

Dr. Talos' fox-like features are also emphasized and I think Jolenta's hair color may be a mere reflection of his vanity. Talos is a homunculus, created and grown by Baldanders but what was the original source of the cells (or fetus or whatever Baldanders used as source material)?

I plan to discuss the Inire-Fechin connection in a later post.

-bsharp