

monsters

The Urth list — 7 messages, 5 voices, 18 May 2006

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b sharp — 18 May 2006, 18:55

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Dan'I Danehy-Oakes — 18 May 2006, 19:53 · in reply to b sharp

Typhon's own hair? I'm pretty sure it's blond, contrasting with Piaton's black. Unless I've reversed them.

On 5/18/06, b sharp <bsharporflat at hotmail.com> wrote:

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I'm not sure the monster convention means those so named are aliens so much as non-human; at least that's the theory I favor.

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Absolutely Uroboros: "I've heard that in the hot forests of the north, the Autarch of All Serpents is Uroboros, the brother of Abaia, and that hunters who discover his burrow believe they have found a tunnel under the sea, and descending it enter his mouth and all unknowing climb down his throat, so that they are dead while they still believe themselves living..."

Possible others include Juripari and Catodon and maybe the being Humbaba's Stick is named after, who's sort of a megatherian giant in the epic of Gilgamish.

msghee

Roy C. Lackey — 18 May 2006, 20:22 · follows mournings glory

bsharp wrote:

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b sharp — 19 May 2006, 00:37 · follows Roy C. Lackey

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Dan'l Danehy-Oakes — 19 May 2006, 04:53 · in reply to b sharp

B,

The "clone wars" were a series of postings, some of them quite heated, on a propounded theory that Silk was a clone of Typhon, in itself not utterly improbable, but then following with a series of speculations that (for example) Auk was a clone of ... uh, wossname, the god of darkness ... and eventually incorporating characters from NS as possible clones of the Goddam Family (snap, snap).

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Georg Schöneegger — 19 May 2006, 06:34 · in reply to b sharp

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a possible candidate might be Jurupari, whose symbol/face Agia leaves on the floor in front of Agilus' cell.

Georg