

Witches' Function

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b sharp — 30 May 2006, 07:23

Macronaut two great recent posts! (IMHO).

You say:

I think this provides some support for the idea of the Witches as biologists, though I think some of >the other references put forward as evidence that the Witches are genetic engineers are less >convincing. Still -- if you want to go down this path, a couple of thoughts:

- 1) Master Gurloes says that the witches are an unpleasant place to experience sex, but that they >willingly serve this function (even for the despised torturers). Why? Perhaps to collect genetic >material.
- 2) for all those man-beast hybrids out there, the Witches' tower is located conveniently close to the >Beast Tower.
- 3) Merryn is described as someone who is beautiful but in a way that suggests sickness or illness.

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Which only proves great minds think alike? LOL! sorry.

I agree completely regarding the production of man-beasts and Merryn's diseased look from engaging in such unhealthy practices. Please see my post called Naming Rule 2a.

Regarding your continued puzzlement on what capacity the witches serve the autarch I can only say What? Isn't cloning, bloodstream sharing technology, man-beast production, genetic experimentation and production of alzado-like pharmacon enough? How ungrateful!

-bsharp

Macronaut — 30 May 2006, 14:33 · in reply to b sharp

B Sharp wrote:

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Oops -- sorry for missing the sperm donor stuff.

Macronaut