

Typhon and Timelines

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Dan'l Danehy Oakes — 03 Apr 1998, 12:20

Hi,

Not quite a lurker; I signed up recently and have been frantically trying to catch up with the digests. I'm nearly there, now, and have a few things I'd like to toss out. Specifically, two quotes from "Lake of the Long Sun." I apologize if I err in sending them to this list, but the "Whorl" list seems to have subsided. (I saw something in the archives about these lists being replaced by a "Wolfe" list and a "Lupine" list; is this actually happening?)

... anyway, these quotes seem to me relevant to tBotNS and the overarching structure, so I'll toss them in here.

First, from p.116 h/c, a quote from the Kypris-possessed Chennile that tells us something about how Typhon came to power:

"...Patterns of beats. Yes, yes, no, no, no, yes, yes.
There's this thing behind everybody's eyes. I don't understand everything myself. The mechanical woman? Marble? Somebody too clever learned he could do it to them. Change programs in little ways. People made machines. Just to do that. So that people like Maytera Marble would work for them instead of for the State. Steal for them. He ... Pas, you call him. He had people study it. And they found out that you could do something like it with people. It was harder. The frequency was much higher. But you could, and so we do. That was how it all began. Silk. Through the terminals, through their eyes."

The second, from P.276, for those interested in timelines, is the specific quote about Maytera's slipped decimal:

"What had she told dear Patera Silk the other day?
Three centuries? Three hundred years? The decimal had slipped, must certainly have slipped to the left."

Meaning that Maytera thinks it's more likely three thousand. But note that Lemur, in the sub, seems to think it's been three hundred ("With the passing of three hundred years, Pas, Echidna, Tartaros, Scylla, and the rest have faded almost to invisibility," p.297 h/c)

One other note, on something I haven't seen mentioned in the archives. I'd assumed that "Patera" and "Maytera" were variants on "Father" and "Mother." But I noticed in a big dictionary

(small ones don't have it) that "patera" is an old Latin word for a dish used in rites of sacrifice.

Patera Silk is...a vessel.

Vironese name? Call me

--Roach

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phone: 650-506-0793	-- John Michael Talbot
