

Chapter I

The Urth list — 5 messages, 5 voices, 07 Sep 2006

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Wesley Parsons — 07 Sep 2006, 12:37

Severian watches the fight between Vodalus and the volunteers over the shoulder of a "chalcedony angel." Chalcedony is typically a lustrous white quartz. Vodalus lives and two volunteers die.

Later, in Urth of the New Sun, Sev makes love with Apheta, a lustrous silver angel, and the new sun is created. The fight in the graveyard may foreshadow the creation of the new sun.

Dan'I Danehy-Oakes — 08 Sep 2006, 01:42 · in reply to Wesley Parsons

On 9/7/06, Wesley Parsons <WRP at adorn.com> wrote:

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I've got a piece of braaaaaain lodge in me heeead!!!

stilskin — 08 Sep 2006, 11:39 · in reply to Dan'I Danehy-Oakes

--- Dan'I Danehy-Oakes <danldo at gmail.com> wrote:

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As a writer myself, who's discussed this point with a lot of other writers, I can tell you that this sort of "ex post facto foreshadowing" happens quite often. It's a result of what Steven King calls "the boys in the basement" going about their work and producing what the author needs not only in the current chapter or book, but beyond what he or she has consciously planned for the future of the project.

The wondrous feeling, "So *that's* what I was up to!" is one of the real delights of writing fiction.

Paul

<http://www.sff.net/people/stilskin>

Mo Holkar — 08 Sep 2006, 12:05 · in reply to Dan'I Danehy-Oakes

At 02:42 08/09/2006, Dan'I wrote:

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Jeff Wilson — 08 Sep 2006, 16:01 · in reply to Mo Holkar

Mo Holkar wrote:

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