

Confussion about Sev/Pas/Silk/Typhon/Able

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Michael Dale — 29 Nov 2006, 05:37

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2) What exactly is special about Silk's DNA?

- Is he a clone of Typhon
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C) I know when I am Empire of my universe I am not going to allow my colonies to learn the secrets of FTL drives by reverse engineering my spaceships! Thus leading towards their independance allowing them to develop together along with spawning more colonies... eventually leading to a rebellion and my ousting as a leader.

2) Why are no Chems around in Severain's day, and even in Typhons day? Why didn't Typhon just download into one?

I would imagine androids are fairly rare outside of military installations and government centers in the days of Typhon. Typhon would never download into an android since that would be the end of his OWN existence... just imagine that if I was to say you can live forever as a simulation on your computer... but you have to die right now... I bet you wouldnt like that solution. Why are Typhons Guards human? Perhaps just a carry over of tradition... or just a symbol of power... nastagia... so on

However if I was Typhon I would just clone myself, lob off New Typhons head and tie myself right on (of course in a very complex surgery)... however is the body that important too you? Expecially since Typhon was probably just some Nerdy kid body before? Why not just get a strong guy and take over his body? Seems reasonable... except I would have gone for a martial artist... heck ya Bruce Lee...

ALEX GREENBERG — 30 Nov 2006, 00:00 · in reply to Michael Dale

I've always felt there was a hint of "Thomas Covenant morbidity" in Able - especially the ambulance dream.

Doesn't answer your question, but anyway.

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aramini1 at cox.net — 30 Nov 2006, 04:54 · follows ALEX GREENBERG

I won't go into many of your questions, but I am confident Silk is Typhon's biological son, with Kypris/Mamelta his mother. In the tunnels, he vows he won't sleep until his mother comes. Than he runs into Mamelta and awakens her. There are only a few characters in the text with blue eyes. Mamelta, Kypris' image, and Silk are the important ones. There are several other hints that Mamelta is the original Kypris, w hich I posted long ago here somewhere.

One of the most bizarre scenes in the book involves Silk catching a glimpse of mamelta's genitals as she scales the ladder, then he thinks about mankind's origin among the stars.

Whether he is a clone or not, I'd need to re-read long sun with that in mind.

What blows my mind is why Severian's face can be found in Typhon's tomb where he lays Scylla to rest, if indeed that is the tomb he plays in during his youth in Shadow of the torturer. I can't figure out his relationship to Typhon, but certainly the light hair of silk and the dark hair of severian preclude them from being closer than brothers genetically (ie - they aren't clones of each other).

Marc Aramini

aramini1 at cox.net — 30 Nov 2006, 04:59 · follows aramini1 at cox.net

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Incidentally, on a non-gene tangent, Bruce Lee was my Halloween outfit this year due to some similarities in size and physique. check it out if you're a Bruce fan and tell me what you think.

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