

A Quick Question

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Roy C. Lackey — 19 Jul 2007, 05:13 · follows Paul B

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Paul B — 19 Jul 2007, 05:42 · in reply to Roy C. Lackey

Oh, I see what you mean. I'd thought he referred to his much shorter capture by the Ascians in Citadel, which admittedly seemed much shorter than a year, since he says the Autarch (as Severian and the old autarch) was absent for a month only in XXIV of Citadel. However, I dismissed that as another self-contradiction by Severian. But, if it's true, then that means he must have been captured twice - one would think that would somehow have been more important than it's been, but I suppose that's solidly in the realm of speculation.

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On 7/19/07, Roy C. Lackey <rclackey at stic.net> wrote:

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Rex Lycanthrosaurus — 19 Jul 2007, 15:09 · in reply to Paul B

On Wed, 18 Jul 2007 22:55:43 -0400, "Paul B" <pb.stuff at gmail.com> said:

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Stuart Hamm — 19 Jul 2007, 15:29 · in reply to Rex Lycanthrosaurus

FYI

It is included, and this quote is on page 55

Have a great one Y'all!

Stuart

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don doggett — 19 Jul 2007, 16:07 · in reply to Rex Lycanthrosaurus

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I'm assuming this is the episode that ends up in Urth
of the New Sun? If so, then this is important because
the assassin clearly singles out Severian to die and I
believe the consensus was that he was sent to kill
Sev. As many of you know, I believe that Severian and
Ymar are essentially the same person. This just
increases my belief in that theory.

Don

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