

Sun Cycle questions

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Roy C. Lackey — 17 Dec 2007, 21:54

Michael Dale wrote:

[snip]

How long between Typhon's rule and the coming of the New Sun? The Whorl has lasted for 300 years, but Marble implies at one point that it could have been 3,000 (saying that she always is misplacing a digit). However the Soldiers reimplly that the World is designed to last 300 years and that is is after its design age.<<

The most accepted figure for the time period between Typhon and Severian is about 1,000 years. The _Whorl_ had been in flight for 300+ years (another 30 or 40 so, but I forget the correct number).

However I still say that Blue and Green are in a different system and are not Earth and Lune (or Venus).<<

That is the prevailing wisdom, and in an interview with Jim Jordan (aka Nutria) Wolfe appears to say as much.

It would be neat if whatever technology that created the powersource for creating and running the Whorl is what actually caused the Black hole in the sun. I always thought that Typhon was taking energy in large amounts from the Sun as a power source.<<

I made such a proposal myself, four years ago.

<http://www.urth.net/urth/archives/v0309/4071.txt.shtml>

On a side note:

A question I have always wondered is why Typhon didn't equip the Whorl with FTL (Faster than Light) technology.<<

Sidestepping the question of human FTL ships in Briah, but relevant in this context. It is generally accepted that the _Whorl_ was traveling at some percentage of light speed, such that, with deceleration, the ship took about 300 years, ship time, to reach the Blue-Green system. Then a few decades passed. While the ship was traveling at relativistic speed, about a thousand years went by on Urth. That allowed Silkhorn, by way of astral travel to Urth, to meet young Severian.

-Roy