

Juturna

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b sharp — 09 Jul 2008, 23:09

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within that theory would be for Juturna and her sisters and Severian to all be pinched off versions of Abaia.

It would explain (for me) why there are 5 coffins in Severian's mausoleum, two opened. The first opened

would be Severian 1 (Reechy?) and our Severian the second. The other three go unused.

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-bsharp

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Jeff Wilson — 10 Jul 2008, 03:20 · in reply to b sharp

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Anthony Davis — 10 Jul 2008, 05:10 · in reply to Jeff Wilson

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Anthony Davis — 10 Jul 2008, 05:12 · in reply to Anthony Davis

Ah, I've just realized it. Juturna saved Sev.

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