

Particolored Brocade

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Son of Witz — 19 Dec 2008, 18:07

(Here's one for the Wolfe Inspired Music, Particolored Brocade to the tune of Raspberry Beret)

I just realized that the multicolored lining in Don Maitz's Shadow cover isn't as completely off the mark as I thought it was. While it's true that the Guild cloaks are never described as having a colored lining (Malrubius at one point has a fur lined cloak) there is a very important cloak that does.

In Urth, Chapter XXV

Severian dresses from the closet in his stateroom on his return trip from Yesod.

I selected a pair of loose, dark trousers bound at the waist with a russet sash, a tunic with an open neck and large pockets, and a cloak of the true fuligin of that guild of which I am still officially a master, lined with particolored brocade.

Particolored meaning Two or More colors.

later in XXXIII:

although this cloak (...) was fuligin purely by chance,

One wonders if it is chance, or more Hierodoings, since they know WHEN they are sending him back to.

This is the Cloak he's wearing when he is Conciliator in the Age of the Monarch. He has it on while he is performing his miracles. He is known as the Conciliator by the time he is arrested and taken to the jailers. On the speedboat, his cloak and shirt are stolen.

"The man who took them will cut them up and sell the pieces, I imagine. He should make something from them. Wear this---I've got another one in my cabin."

The Cape the Jr. Officer gives him in place is what he has on during the Flood, though Wolfe writes "cloak" not "cape" there.

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Stuart Hamm — 20 Dec 2008, 19:30 · in reply to Son of Witz

Speaking of time loops...a Spanish time travel movie I saw at a festival in New Zeland is out in wider release (and showing here in the Bay Area)..

"Time Crimes"

Recommended!

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