

[AEG] Gideon Chase's identity

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David Duffy — 21 Dec 2008, 21:40 · in reply to Blake Hyde

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Yes, this is why I think Chase's "father" was being cuckolded. This would also explain why Klauser tells Cassie that the Wolders sometimes try to seduce human women.

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I think the bat-people are something else entirely, one of the shyer races who live "like mice in [the Storm King's] barn."

Roy C. Lackey — 21 Dec 2008, 22:54 · in reply to Blake Hyde

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<http://lists.urth.net/pipermail/urth-urth.net/2008-December/011347.html>

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Dave Tallman — 21 Dec 2008, 23:33 · in reply to Roy C. Lackey

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I brought it up a couple of months ago, along with some additional twists. Here is my reference: <http://lists.urth.net/htdig.cgi/urth-urth.net/2008-October/010311.html>

In brief, my theory is that:

- 1) Gid's biological father is a Woldercan native.
- 2) His father is a "walker of dreams" (wizard) who inspired Lovecraft's tales of Randolph Carter.
- 3) Working from arcane knowledge he possessed, Robert Chase worked with Chuck Finney to get Woldercan discovered. Finney is a descendant of the man who wrote "The Circus of Dr. Lao" and may have had some secret notes from the time his forefather met that alien being.
- 4) Robert Chase probably had his wife impregnated by a Woldercan deliberately, in order to produce a powerful child.
- 5) Robert Chase trained his son in Earth arcana.