

OH SCYLLA!!!

The Urth list — 16 messages, 8 voices, 13 Feb 2009

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Son of Witz — 13 Feb 2009, 00:44

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head spins

~sonofwitz

Jordon Flato — 13 Feb 2009, 17:02 · in reply to Son of Witz

:)

I had planned that you would reach just that part by your birthday, but was unsure if I'd timed it right. Looks like that time I met you for lunch in Union Square was worth it, for if I hadn't you would have read three more chapters that day, and then the time delay bomb of chaps 14 and 15 would have been off by days.

Damn I'm clever!

Can't wait to discuss it with you when you are finished sir.

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hammstu at sbcglobal.net — 13 Feb 2009, 17:45 · in reply to Jordon Flato

We SF Urthers should get together when witz finishes...waddya say? Sent from my BlackBerry? smartphone with SprintSpeed

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From: Jordon Flato <jordonflato at gmail.com>

Date: Fri, 13 Feb 2009 09:02:29

To: The Urth Mailing List <urth at lists.urth.net>

Subject: Re: (urth) OH SCYLLA!!!

Son of Witz — 13 Feb 2009, 18:11 · follows hammstu at sbcglobal.net

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Dan'l Danehy-Oakes — 13 Feb 2009, 18:43 · in reply to Son of Witz

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Tim Walters — 13 Feb 2009, 18:48 · follows Dan'l Danehy-Oakes

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<http://potlatch-sf.org>

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Dan'l Danehy-Oakes — 13 Feb 2009, 18:49 · in reply to Tim Walters

I'd like to but I'm unemployed & can't afford such things.

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ah, come on. we can have some beer and arm wrestle over this Christological question. :)

Potlach. nah. never had heard of it.

~Mike

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Allan Anderson — 13 Feb 2009, 18:59 · follows Son of Witz

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Chris P — 13 Feb 2009, 21:04 · in reply to Dan'I Danehy-Oakes

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hammstu at sbcglobal.net — 13 Feb 2009, 22:27 · in reply to Son of Witz

We could organize our own feast of catherine at the sweedish american hall next to cafe du nord....anyone want to nominate their mother for beheading???

Keezar might work....the pub not the sports bar on Stanyon

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http://windowslive.com/explore?ocid=TXT_TAGLM_WL_t1_allup_explore_022009

hammstu at sbcglobal.net — 13 Feb 2009, 22:30 · in reply to Chris P

Let's do it.....

#*@@+?\$.....did you know that those are called "gwarlicks"? And any guesses as to what "snarge" is? No cheating Sent from my BlackBerry? smartphone with SprintSpeed

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David Stockhoff — 13 Feb 2009, 22:35 · follows hammstu at sbcglobal.net

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21:28:03 +0000 From: "Son of Witz" <sonofwitz at butcherbaker.org> Subject:

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David Stockhoff — 14 Feb 2009, 03:04 · follows Son of Witz

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