

'Gene Wolfe's Soldier of the Mist decoded: Asopus/Plataea'

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Gwern Branwen — 15 Jun 2010, 00:22

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James Wynn — 15 Jun 2010, 01:13 · in reply to Gwern Branwen

On 6/14/2010 7:22 PM, Gwern Branwen wrote:

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"Asopus, whom Latro calls the "river-man" (p. 6) and the "Swift God" (p. 7) is both the name of a god and the name of the important river next to the battle scene that just precedes the opening of the novel."

All this is true. I haven't found any reference to him having horns, however.

Eugene Zaretskiy — 15 Jun 2010, 01:24 · in reply to James Wynn

On Mon, Jun 14, 2010 at 9:13 PM, James Wynn <crushtv at gmail.com> wrote:

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"[Adrastos addressse the River Asopos, whose waters refresh the parched troops of the army of the Seven Against Thebes :] O thou, whom no suns are wont to tame, O horned one, so lavish of never failing waters..."

Source: <http://www.theoi.com/Potamos/PotamosAsopos.html>

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