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Andrew Mason — 19 Sep 2010, 22:38

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The sun references are intriguing, implying yet another time-loop, or perhaps that an autarch of the distant pre-Typhonian succession somehow knew something of what was to come.

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