

Mucor and devils

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Andrew Mason — 25 Nov 2010, 17:08

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Gerry Quinn — 25 Nov 2010, 22:22 · in reply to Andrew Mason

From: "Andrew Mason" <andrew.mason53 at gmail.com>

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Good question... her powers do not appear to be completely consistent. At other times she definitely left her body behind when possessing people, e.g. getting information about the Fliers. Her apparent invisibility in her room seems anomalous. When she sends out her spirit, she seems to be either flying around freely, or possessing people or animals, or occasionally popping up inside a mirror - it is hard to see what she would do with a body on such occasions.

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I interpret them as fallen spirits of some sort. I don't think they necessarily refer to any specific kind of being.

- Gerry Quinn

Jane Delawney — 25 Nov 2010, 23:36 · in reply to Gerry Quinn

Monkeying with the message header for the customary gmail related reason, sorry about that.

On 25/11/10 22:22, Gerry Quinn wrote:

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I note that on their first acquaintance Mucor convinces Pr. Silk that *her window (ie. physical window to her room) has to be open* in order for her to send forth her 'spirit'. Silk is convinced of this at the time. The parallel between Mucor's physically open window and the 'gods' ' Sacred Windows only becomes apparent some time later.

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Not clear to me. We do not get any details about the exposure of Pr. Quetzal as an inhumu until some time within BOTSS when Silk/Horn gets to remember details of the combat under Viron. We learn relatively early in BOTLS that there is definitely something ... odd shall we say ... about Quetzal, but it's not spelled out for a good long while.

And I don't recall any specific information regarding when Quetzal (and any others of his kind) may have infiltrated the Whorl. When BOTLS begins, Quetzal has been the man in charge for quite a few years.
