

Witches & eclipse-maker

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Kieran Cleary — 14 Apr 1997, 18:28

As someone who is eagerly awaiting a copy of the Lexicon, I have a rag-tag bundle of questions which I remember being puzzled about during my last read of New Sun:

- what is the appropriate technological analogue of the device (?) the witches were looking at on Severian's visit to their tower. I remember it being described a a table-like object with a glass surface, through which small hairless animals were visible on some sort of miniature landscape. A holographic remote-viewing device? Were they watching the eclectics? And just what kind of "magic" do the witches practice?

-what was the enigmatic large object teasingly referred to in Wolfe's translator's notes at the end of Citadel which caused the eclipse?

-are the corridors that Severian wandered through en route to the atrium of time just metaphors for the Corridors of Time or is there some type of literal connection?

-why did the green man not know of the New Sun if he came from the future most likely after the New Sun?

-Jonas & Miles: what's the connection? Is Miles the personality from whose biological spare parts Jonas was reconstructed after his ship crashed?

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