

Multiple Severian Disorder

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While we can count the various resurrected Severians (Severiim? Severiani?) as different, they're all part of the same "release"

-- I'd call them Sev2.1, Sev2.2, etc., as opposed to Sev1, the un-White-Fountained version. And (I repeat) the most reasonable explanation of _that_ "first Severian" is that he lived in an "erased" timeline, one where the Hierodules et alia did not interfere in his life.

On the other hand, I am in complete awe of the Severian-as-Archie Andrews theory. It explains so much. Valeria, obviously, is Sabrina, the Teen-Aged Witch. Triskele is Hot Dog. Dr. Talos is, obviously, Mr. Wetherbee, while the Old Autarch is Pop of Pop's Soda Shoppe.

I clearly have wasted too much time on the religious aspects of this series; it all seems so clear now...

--Roach