

mysteries of the long sun

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Lee Berman — 28 Oct 2011, 02:51

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Marc Aramini — 28 Oct 2011, 03:50 · in reply to Lee Berman

--- On Thu, 10/27/11, Lee Berman <severiansola at hotmail.com> wrote:
From: Lee Berman <severiansola at hotmail.com>
Subject: (urth) mysteries of the long sun
To: urth at urth.net
Date: Thursday, October 27, 2011, 7:51 PM

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Okay, I think these mysteries are from Nightside: the patch of skin on the roof, why the bird is called Hyrax, why Mint cares about Auk, why the statue of Catamitus is near Hyacinth in the brothel (just because of Musk or because of Hyacinthus man love? hmmm) Why Silk speculates that he has been split in two at the very end, Silk and nightside silk. Is this just his attitude or is it symbolic talk? I think Long Sun is actually harder to get to the bottom of than it first appears. The catamite association with Hy is some disturbing stuff. Unintentional or not? HMMMM.

Gerry Quinn — 28 Oct 2011, 04:31 · in reply to Lee Berman

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Marc Aramini — 28 Oct 2011, 04:35 · in reply to Gerry Quinn

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After messing with it for a while, it very well might be something of that sort.

Lee Berman — 28 Oct 2011, 12:58 · follows Marc Aramini

Marc Aramini: For once I agree with you, Lee.

Heh, funny, since I usually agree with you Marc! I think the only real point of difference between us is the presence or absence of Jesus Christ

in the Sun Series. Other disagreements (including on Father Inire) mostly stem from that, I think. (a similar dynamic applies to James Wynn and I). Otherwise, I think we all tend to think alike.

Oh, well, also I guess we disagree on whether "Green is Urth!". I think it is absolutely great that you shared that idea with us. I just tend to take it less literally, i.e. I think Green is that dual planetary system's analog to Urth as Blue is analog to Ushas. (Though it may be true that certain towers in Nessus, notable the Citadel's, extend through space/dream/time all the way to Green.)

I was just looking at the back and forth between Gerry and Lee, and there was one brief message where it was almost friendly, and I thought it would be so awesome if you two were really just one super crazy MPD person, one with an American persona and one with the skeptical approach,

Heh, also funny! I suppose it would be a waste of time to deny Gerry and I are the same person since a truth teller and a liar would both do that. But for those who trust me I will assure that Gerry and I are not the same human being.