

Seawrack

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Heh. And Borski says Father Inire is Moses.

I guess Silk fits the Moses bill in a number of ways. Silk was an insider of the establishment when he heard the call from God. He was leading his people to the Promised Land, but was not permitted to enter himself.

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I think there is a small amount of Horn still left in SilkHorn for Seawrack to attach to. But in regard to Andrew's question about what new love the narrator will find to fulfill the prophecy, I agree with Dan'l.

It is Seawrack.

For the Silk part of silkHorn, she is a new love. Given her spiritual connection to Hyacinth and Kypris (discussed in another post), I think Silk can find much to love in Seawrack, physical differences aside.

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Good point.

I hadn't seen Andrew's question or Dan'l's response. But I eagerly await further revelations. I wondered if Silk "finds" Seawrack through Horn's memories of her. Those memories would not need to be "super" natural in themselves, if Silk in some way expands on them.

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On 11/26/2013 4:23 PM, Lee wrote:

David Stockhoff: That all fits, with caveats. But Seawrack behaves as though she is no longer an eater of dead sailors. She reads much like other Wolfe characters who are "not themselves," though she remembers when she was herself. Why would/how could she love a human man?

Well, she was assigned to do so by her/The Mother/Goddess. We humans think true love cannot be done on command. But perhaps this isn't so for humaniform imitators. Perhaps, for them, the wish to do so is the act itself.

Positing that she is even a demigodly mermaid does not quite explain Horn's longing for her. Why does she haunt Silkhorn---and what part of him does she haunt?

Great question! One I think Marc would have no trouble answering as he feels Silkhorn is fully Silk by the end. I think he is still partially Horn but ties in nicely with Andrew's recent question and Dan'l's answer.

I think there is a small amount of Horn still left in SilkHorn for Seawrack to attach to. But in regard to Andrew's question about what new love the narrator will find to fulfill the prophecy, I agree with Dan'l.

It is Seawrack.

For the Silk part of silkHorn, she is a new love. Given her spiritual connection to Hyacinth and Kypris (discussed in another post), I think Silk can find much to love in Seawrack, physical differences aside.
