

Is this a clue?

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William Graham — 19 Aug 2014, 00:52

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Marc Aramini — 19 Aug 2014, 12:18 · in reply to William Graham

For a narrator in Wolfe to be actually stretching truth, there's usually a reason. Ignorance and lack of self understanding in short sun, denial in Peace, suppression in Suzanne Delage. What purpose does that small lack of realism serve at the start?

The external picture we get of Severian in "the map" shows a badly beaten Eata half blinded by his blood thinking "Severian had beaten him more than once ... Worse than Laetus and Syntyche last night ... Now Severian was the autarch, Severian was the law, and murderers died under the law's hand"

Cruelty and excessive order. Thus if Severian is unreliable, it is most probably in asking for the obedience of his subjects - areas that stress "we obey" and place his ascension as part of a preordained path from the start.

On Monday, August 18, 2014, William Graham <cyfyguy at gmail.com> wrote:
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