

TBOTNS fan cover art

The Urth list — 5 messages, 5 voices, 21 Oct 2014

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António Pedro Marques — 21 Oct 2014, 20:54

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Norwood, Frederick Hudson — 22 Oct 2014, 13:37 · in reply to António Pedro Marques

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Rick Norwood

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From: Urth [mailto:urth-bounces at lists.urth.net] On Behalf Of António Pedro Marques Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 4:54 PM To: The Urth Mailing List Subject: Re: (urth) TBOTNS fan cover art

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Mark Lewin — 22 Oct 2014, 14:30 · in reply to Norwood, Frederick Hudson

From <http://bit.ly/1x8WbXR>:

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Lee — 22 Oct 2014, 18:55 · follows Mark Lewin

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Yes.

Gjöll is also the name of the rock to which the monstrous Norse wolf, Fenrir is chained. Not a reference that can be ignored when it comes to this particular author.

Furthermore, that river is likely represented in our world by the Rio De La Plata. The proximity to Buenos Aires (Nessus) and its estuarial nature jibes with the presence of some oceanic beings who would seem to appear in Gjöll.

A single literary element serving double or triple duty seems common in the works of Gene Wolfe.

Jeffery Wilson clueland.com — 25 Oct 2014, 16:43 · follows Lee

On 10/20/2014 10:03 PM, Antonin Scriabin wrote:
<http://www.adijuhaszart.com/shadowclaw/>

Thought this was cool, not sure if it has made the rounds here yet. I love the imagery of the New Sun "drowning" in what looks like the flooding Gjöll. Maybe a more appropriate cover for The Citadel of the Autarch or Sword and Citadel, but still neat.

I would guess that is Sev tumbling into the bog in the Botanic Gardens where he finds Dorcas among the other preserved corpses.

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