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David Stockhoff — 06 Apr 2015, 14:03

I recall being upset by that as well. The cosmology was hard enough as it was. That statement collapsed everything into meaninglessness.

On 4/2/2015 3:18 PM, Robin B. Smith wrote:

I recall the equating of Setr with Garsecg and the confusion it caused me, since at the time of reading I was aware of how exacting an author Wolfe is.

On Thu, Apr 2, 2015 at 1:59 PM, Charles Gillingham

<charlesgillingham at gmail.com <mailto:charlesgillingham at gmail.com>> wrote:

I'm sure this as been discussed before, but was the point of the "I"? Was it a typo that Nettle left in? Or was that Horn saying, after that point, he was a real character in the story, and not some background character? Or was that just something Horn was proud of doing?

David Stockhoff — 21 Apr 2015, 22:38 · in reply to David Stockhoff

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marcaramini — 21 Apr 2015, 22:56 · follows David Stockhoff

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From: David Stockhoff <dstockhoff at verizon.net>

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Dan'I Danehy-Oakes — 22 Apr 2015, 15:42 · in reply to David Stockhoff

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David Stockhoff — 22 Apr 2015, 16:36 · in reply to marcaramini

I hadn't heard your theory. Interesting!

On 4/21/2015 6:56 PM, marcaramini wrote:

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David Stockhoff — 22 Apr 2015, 16:40 · in reply to Mo Holkar

Right, the "mono" is a separate idea from the "latry." It seems relevant on its own but it led me to "latry."

Yes: thief/mercenary + worship(er) seems an interesting combination. Especially given how Latro seems to have received his head wound: despoiling a shrine after a battle, IIRC.

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David Stockhoff — 22 Apr 2015, 16:48 · in reply to Dan'l Danehy-Oakes

Huh! That suggests another dimension to "thief," since a thief takes what he is not "entitled" to. But I wouldn't know where to go from there, unless another god is involved. Thus, Marc's theory that Latro is Ahura Mazda fits, because AM would be taking God's rightful worship.

I didn't know that meaning of "-dule," which I have always seen rendered as "slave." Hierodules need not be slaves at all. In fact, if they are analogous to saints, it might be debatable whether they are meant to give reverence or receive it. Or both.

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Jeffery Wilson clueland.com — 22 Apr 2015, 18:20 · in reply to David Stockhoff

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"Idolatry" is similarly similar to "Latro" than "Monolatry".

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