

Eoliths

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adam louis stephanides — 11 Jun 1998, 16:33

On Wed, 10 Jun 1998 Robert Borski wrote:

"By sisterworld's light I have been looking among the rocks for implements--eoliths. I have found none." (p. 239)

Eoliths are chipped stones of the late Tertiary Period formerly held to have been made by humans, but now known to be products of a natural, nonhuman agency (weathering, volcanic action, erosion, etc.). I submit these are the so-called Annese artifacts he and Pop sell at their stand. Roy never made them because he has the same ham-fisted clumsiness you attribute to Victor. Personally I can think of no other reason why Victor would be searching for eoliths, but if you can I'd be happy to hear you out. After all I was clearly wrong the first time.

Even if the implements Roy and V.R.T. sold were eoliths, I don't think that's the reason why V.R.T. is looking for them now. He hates his father, and he's assumed the identity of Marsch. Is it really likely that he would plan on returning to Frnechmen's Landing, where he would run the risk of being recognized as V.R.T., to pass along a few fake arrowheads? If he in fact had wanted to help his father, wouldn't he have access as Marsch to funds which he could just give to him?

As for why V.R.T. is searching for eoliths, it's probably to use them himself, since he can't make implements of his own. The Free People didn't use them, but V.R.T. may not have been taught all the skills they had. Also, he's been spoiled by "civilization": slightly before the mention of eoliths, he wishes he could shoot a large animal, presumably to eat.

--Adam