

Lukos family tree; leukos

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Robert Borski — 04 Jul 1998, 17:25

With his head well above water, about 666 posts ago (+/-100), Welshian sawn prion wrote:

"First, about the original Jeannine in the photo. Aunt Jeannine tells No. 5 that she will show him a picture of his true mother, and gives him the photo of the woman and child. If this is his mother, it must be his biological one, since a clone, like anyone else, has no other kind. If it is No. 5's biological mother, then she must be the biological mother of the original Gene Wolfe, and thus would not be married to her son, as is shown in your timeline, and is part of the source of the confusion I discussed in my original post."

I've now revised my Fifth head Geneology in light of this (thanks for clarifying it--I was clearly the muddleheaded one).

I'm now contending the second generation of St. Croix's Wolfe clan is all natural; i.e., that Gene Wolfe II and Jeannine are both naturally born. The first clone is subsequently created by Gene Wolfe II; this clone is Maitre (who kills his father when he finds out, as does Number Five.) Thus the picture Jeannine shows Number Five does depict both parents, since he's a clone of their naturally-born son. Make sense? I should have the revised family tree CC graphic uploaded by the time you see this, if you'd like to take a look.

As for the revisionism, there does not appear to be anything in the text that directly contradicts this.

Consider the following (which I've quoted often). Maitre is the speaker: "I am here because the individual behind me did--who was himself originated by the one whose mind is simulated in Mr. Million." *Originated* does not necessarily have to mean "cloned" here; it could be the old-fashioned normal reproductive process--the fun, non-vitro method.

Then there's the following from Dr. Marsch, who's talking about Aunt Jeannine: "She is in reality daughter to an earlier--shall we say 'version'?--of yourself?" Again, note the pesky quote marks around version. They're unnecessary--unless, of course, Wolfe is attempting to key us to something--in this case the "version" being discussed--despite the same name--is the original Gene Wolfe, who provides only half the genetic makeup we find in Gene Wolfe II (Mrs. GW provides the other half). Gene Wolfe II, however, provides all of the genetic material for Gene Wolfe III, the first clone.

Prion also wrote in regards to my Hero post: "You say that Paul 'marries' her, but doesn't consummate the marriage."

Yes he marries her, but no he doesn't consummate the union--not because the two of them don't have enough time together, but because Janey is still lukos; i.e., a soulless animal and therefore unredeemed. For Paul to attempt consummation would thus be tantamount to bestiality--as opposed to the sacred union of love St. Paul and the Church advocate. Once Janey

is redeemed, however, she becomes leucos, light; i.e., she is no longer an animal and can now join her husband in reaping the fruits of blessed matrimony.

Hope this helps.

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