

RTTW spoilers Kypris with a whip

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Michael Andre-Driussi — 24 Feb 2001, 19:32

Bob Musser wrote:

Actually, I liked that theory just fine. We get so little information on the return of Seawrack, though, that it's tough to hang a theory on it. More questions raised than answered. As I was (re)reading through the Afterword, I was struck by Daisy's description of Seawrack:

"Lovely though Seawrack was, with her snowy skin, blue eyes and fair hair, there was something animal about her. It seemed clear to me that she trusted only "Father," and would have put her long knife into any other person as readily as I would gut a fish."

If Seawrack is possessed by a god at this point, doesn't it sound more like Surging Scylla than Comely Kypris? Thin evidence indeed, I admit, but interesting, given the Urth Scylla-Whorl Scylla-Mother connection (whatever THAT actually is...).

Well, =maybe= . . . I mean, I recall too well my own similar reaction to a possession in the Long Sun series, thinking that it must have been a goddess of war (Scylla or Spingx) rather than a goddess of love, since She had a Big Whip and was cracking it in fury . . . turns out, when we asked Wolfe about it, that it really was Love. He doesn't want Love presented as some sort of milquetoast, lisping, etc. sort of thing. She can really kick bootie, no kidding.

All details in the archives.

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