

Locally napping Gods

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vizacacha,

Whoops! You are right, of course. Since I brought up sleeping, can I modify "sleeping gods" into, er, "locally napping gods"? Quetzal and the Lemuroids do talk about other cities where the rebel gods brag (and the Lemuroids seem to think that they have Palustria under their control). The Lemuroids also appear to have been "expanding" (becoming immortal, possessing superhuman strength, magical powers, etc.) to fill the roles left by the locally absent gods, don't you think? In imitation of Typhon himself, though presumably they don't know that detail.

Do you have a page citation for Trivs saying that they talk to Sphigx all the time? Was that at the dinner party?

(Re: "getting a lander launched from Viron," small point, but the first lander, the signal that keeps entropy temporarily at bay, was launched from Mainframe. The Viron landing party was an afterthought/afterbirth, mainly because Auk had gotten people so stirred up. Well, that and their city was going to hell, what with Stanislov-method chems both Lemuroid and Triv hamming it up, and petulant lovers conducting aerial bombardment, etc.)

(FWIW, for me the "Jerboa-childcutter" idea is approaching likelihood, if not downright certitude.)

Kypris would be hanging around in Viron (i.e., in Hyacinth's shrine) precisely because it is, as you write, godless. And as for what Kypris recognizes in first glance at Silk, maybe we can all agree that she sees that he is one of the god tools left lying around? Whether such a tool is an anonymous frozen embryo or a specific demigod offspring is a level that we can all agree to disagree on.

Re: THE MAN WHO WAS THURSDAY, yep, another title that Neil Gaiman pointed me toward and which I read fairly recently. Great stuff.

Chock full of crazy details that somehow all work, even as they get wild and wooly. (An interesting juxtaposition would be to compare it with A VOYAGE TO ARCTURUS, since both deal with big scale conspiracy things in a fantastic manner, but arrive at different conclusions. I think?) And yep, I read THE IRON HEEL too (but in that case I wondered if London understood the Orwellian paradox involved of having the good guy rebels using such deplorable means for their noble ends).

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