

point to Borski

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Dan Parmenter — 23 Mar 2001, 18:19

From: "Robert Borski" <rborski at charter.net>

I doubt you'll find much support for the notion that Hierodule is a generic term for all aliens--unlike, say, cacogen, or as you mention, extrasolarian.

[...]

Famulimus trilled, "Hierodule is 'holy slave.'" (p. 36)

So clearly Wolfe is using "Hierodule" specifically to designate the aliens who hail from Yesod, not Briah or the front pages of the National Enquirer.

Okay, point taken. I remembered the line about "holy slave" after I posted. I suppose the only legs that the Cumaeian-as-Inhuma hypothesis has left to stand on would require that a) Severian was wrong (as he often is) about the Cumaeian being a Hierodule or b) the Inhumans DO come from Yesod, which is certainly an interesting thought.

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*This is WHORL, for discussion of Gene Wolfe's Book of the Long Sun.