

silk flowers, sleepers awake, whorl gazetteer

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Ranjit Bhatnagar — 28 Feb 1997, 13:31

Rereading Nightside. What the heck's going on between Silk and Hyacinth?

I-Ch 6 - Silk has dismissed the monitor and snuck into Hyacinth's bedroom. "As he bent over her, something within him reached out to her; and though he had not touched her, he felt the thrill of touch."

A suggestive choice of words, as the augur said to the monitor. Mucor touches without touching, too...

I-Ch 8 - He's finally made it home after a long night of breaking-and-entering and attempted extortion. "The familiar, musty smell of the manse was like a kiss. He dropped into a chair, pulled the azoth from his stocking, and pressed it to his lips, then stared at it."

Kissing an azoth? Hmm. Why did Silk fall so hard & fast for this dell? Adrenaline & pheremones? Kypri's Secret Love Charm? Another loose bit of genetic programming? Did Hy or Ky snare him on purpose, or just take advantage of it when it happened? Should I, as the monitor would say, abandon this line of inquiry?

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By the way, what's with all this speculation about the sleepers being genetically enhanced or programmed with special knowledge? The only evidence we have is Mamelta repairing a rocket: heck, maybe she was a rocket scientist on Urth.

Also, I can't see Mamelta's work reviving the sleeping gods of Viron; she barely managed to get the monitor half-working in the independent subsystem of a lander.

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Doug Eigsti — 28 Feb 1997, 12:29 · follows Ranjit Bhatnagar

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I scanned through my list of cities and I think you listed them all. You will find a listing for Urbs in EXODUS Ch. I, P.36.7 (7th paragraph from the top). "More spys than Urbs..." (I always find it burdensome to read through an entire page to find the word I am looking for)

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I still maintain that the void cross cannot have a central hub. A void is a void.

=Talon=

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Derek Bell — 28 Feb 1997, 22:08 · follows Doug Eigsti

In message <199702281831.KAA03552 at lists1.best.com>, Ranjit Bhatnagar writes:

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Hmmm... Excellent point - both also appeared to be of higher rank than a particular patient, but turn out to be serving that patient.

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I think night-coughs were supposed to be native to the marshes of Palustria.

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Urbs and Wick are mentioned by Quetzal when he talks of his contacts with other cities.

As for the two Flier terms that I haven't translated yet: I have a couple of (very uncertain) translations. "canna" could mean a vessel or container - the dictionary I consulted also suggested it was a variant of "caunna", which means moth. I'm not sure which of these are correct. The former translation could be a euphemism of some sort, just as the term "tank" was in WW1 when tanks were about to be introduced. (I think the propulsion unit has a bell-shaped rocket nozzle, so this could be another explanation.) Then again, "moth" is appropriate, seeing as there are Fliers with names related to flying animals.

I'm even less certain about "glacaiocht": it could be a literal translation of karate ("empty hand") as "glac" means hand. It could also be related to the Irish for relieving, possibly denoting a soft martial art, where the emphasis is on redirecting your opponent's attacks. I also asked a friend about the possible meaning and he said it sounded like the word for athletics, which could be used to cover martial arts at a stretch. As I wasn't sure of the pronunciation I have emailed him the spellings. (Irish uses acute accents, which are clearly missing in some of the Flier names.) Hopefully, he will reply soon.

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