

duko and the Sirius super cluster

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Michael Andre-Driussi — 21 Jun 2001, 08:38

Jerry Friedman wrote:

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It was my impression that the word is from Esperanto rather than Italian. Fitting the pattern that seems to exist in some places on the Whorl (and Earth as well), where there is a base language supplemented by a second "foreign" language for certain terms (military ranks, city names, religious terms, science terms). (I thought the Trivigantes had a blend that was outside historical Islamic boundaries, but maybe not--since a blend of Arabic, Persian, and Indian terms might point directly to, say, Pakistan, or Sultanate of Deli. That is, the bounds of Islam are large indeed. Still--rani, or "ranee," is a Hindu queen; etc.) I thought that one or more other terms used by that group were also perfect Esperanto, but I could be mistaken.

Spectacled Bear wrote:

What are the relations, if any, among www.sirius.com, www.siriusfiction.com, www.siriusbooks.com (whose web site shows only a CGI directory, inaccessible), www.sirius-books.com, and the Sirius Book Company who published some of Keith Roberts' work?

I can't speak to all of them. I named Sirius Fiction in 1994, a publisher for the Lexicon and a magazine. There was a rash of Sirius namings around that time, and one of them was an ISP. I thought it would be funny to go with them, and years later, I did just that. Service went downhill and I left for another ISP, finally getting around to setting up siriusfiction.com, etc.

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Sirius Fiction

Has Moved To

<http://www.siriusfiction.com/>

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

Jerry Friedman — 22 Jun 2001, 10:59 · follows Michael Andre-Driussi

--- Michael Andre-Driussi <mantis at siriusfiction.com>

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Esperanto! Thanks. You know when I would have guessed that? Does anyone know whether how many of the words from Grandecitta are Esperanto? According to

<<http://www.tios.cs.utwente.nl/traduk/EO-EN/Traduku>>, "strego/a" is not Esperanto; I'm sure it is Italian.

One of the gods was very strange if he or she decided Grandecitta's language should be a mixture of Esperanto and Italian. But "very strange" is about right.

Jerry Friedman