

Just my two cents...

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Marcos B. Gouvea — 05 Mar 1997, 21:13

Well, I really must say that it took me a while to work up the guts to post here- you guys are really experienced, and this is my first Wolfe series! I have a few (most likely misguided) theories about the happenings in the Whorl. Please excuse repeated subjects, I've been saving info up for a while.

Could it be that Mint is so charged up by Kypris because she too is an embryo? I think she said she had to change what she was or forget some problem of one kind or another. Maybe she was designed to be put in charge of an army, and became timid when she became a maytera. Kypris may have turned her on again.

Here's a twist: I heard some discussion about whether or not Kypris was in Hy all the time- what if the opposite is true? Don't the gods take pieces of people they possess? Chenille-Kypris says that every time someone is possessed, a bit of the god stays in the person and a bit of the person stays in the god. Hy was "played with" by Kypris, I believe, and maybe now Kypris thinks she's a goddess but isn't, and Hy thinks she's a mortal but isn't.

This also would explain Sphigx' policy of no images in her city. Maybe she won't appear because she's afraid of becoming human...

One more about this reverse-possession: What if everybody's favorite bloodsucker travelled up to the Whorl to find out what it was, and discovered a monitor screen wherever he came in. A god possessed him (possibly Echidna or Scylla), and instilled an urgent need to get

the people of the Whorl down to a planet. Echidna or whatever god subsequently inherited Quetzal's evil temptations (including the symbol of the snake!).

These are all long shots, but who knows?

Another idea: why on Urth would Tartaros want to save all of Pas's nasty parts? If I were him, I'd have filtered out Pas's spirit and molded him into what was needed before I stored him- castrated him, lets say. :-) This would be a sort of neutral ground between Pas is a Puppet and Pas is for Real.

Just to wrap up: what is the relationship between Quetzal and Pike? Quetzal seems to respect him, but at the same time may have been playing cat and mouse with him. How did Pike find out about "devils invading the Whorl"? Maybe Pike turned him to religion?

I've seen a few ideas for Blood's dad, but I don't buy it. I think it might be one of the Ayuntamiento, but not Lemur (as I thought someone suggested). Lemur's was not the sort of person to provoke Rose to say that she promised not to reveal his identity- he sounds like he would make her say "He broke two of my fingers and said he would break every bone in my BODY if anyone found out!" But, then again... I may not be subtle

enough.

One last question: what IS rust?

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"I mean are we talking Thicky City here or what?"

-- Gaspode the wonder dog

(Terry Pratchett, Moving Pictures)

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