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Alice Turner — 07 Mar 1997, 10:49

Quill:

You've demonstrated a fine ability to fling mantis into orbit in his antic mantic mode!

I like that Mint theory. Wolfe is very coy about Mint--we know nothing at all about her background, not even her original name, which is unusual in so important a figure. The only small argument against it is that the two embryos we know for sure (not counting lynxes) are never demonstrably possessed---I consider enlightenment to be something else. OTOH, Mint's possession is very different from anyone else's. We won't know for sure unless it comes up in the new series.

I think the Triv theory of no images refers back to Islam more than anything else--Trioovdom is sort of a feminist Islamic parody. No theophanies isn't the same as no images. I wish someone here would clear up the Triv language for us!

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.

But I think that's just what Tartaros did. (Actually, I think he limited it even more, since I think "Pas" is just a shell.)

-alga-

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