

Sphigx

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Alice Turner — 07 Mar 1997, 11:06

Quill just prodded me into a new thought:

Remember the little statues of Sphigx for sale in the Viron marketplace, by which Crane sends his spy messages to Trivigaunte? Well, those statues are actually **illegal** in Trivigaunte because of their no-image ruling!

-alga-

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m.driussi — 07 Mar 1997, 21:22 · follows Alice Turner

Reply: Item #4804845 from WHORL at LISTS.BEST.COM@INET00#

Patrick,

You are right: cat' and bird get best lines!

(Yes, to the unspoken question: I do think the talking animals are also specially designed god mounts, so that the gods can ride around in their emblematic animals. Sphigx could ride Tick like a wizard using a familiar; Pas, Tartaros, Hierax could use Oreb the same way, in a manner not unlike Odin with his black birds. I don't see any evidence that such has happened--though I do continue to wonder what may have passed between Doctor Crane and Oreb when they were alone in the room together--I only offer this as an explanation of how talking animals might fit into the god plan aspect of the mission.)

Re: "Planet-Breaker," yes, I remember that, too (CASTLE OF DAYS, 297). (I still think it is especially funny since one could legitimately give that title to THE URTH OF THE NEW SUN. "Not that I would seriously propose doing so," I hasten to add.) And in this LONG SUN case, it actually =was= listed in Library of Congress terms as one of those silly titles.

alga,

Re: statues. Hey, now there's something. Somewhere out in the barren desert there must be a pit where the traders chuck the statues before they get to Trivigaunte. ("I guess we could call it a sphincter," he said, making an ass of himself.)

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