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Kieran Mullen — 12 Mar 1997, 12:21

On Mon, 10 Mar 1997 18:58:43 -0600, Kieran Mullen wrote:

: How did Silk know Hyacinth's name when they first met? (Silk is hiding  
: in her bedroom, guards come in looking for intruder, and Silk plays role of  
: a "client". He tells Hyacinth to go back to sleep, calling her by name. She  
: remarks later that he got her name right.) The text is quite suggestive -  
: Silk feels as if something in him reaches out to Hyacinth w/o touching  
: her.

revjack at radix.net (revjack at radix.net) (and others) replied:

When he was in the dressing room, he found a needler decorated with  
hyacinths, deduced that it was hers, and took a \*big\* chance when the  
guards broke in.

I had thought of this, but that's a rather big leap to make.

The text right before hand suggests that he makes some sort of special connection with her, a connection that might explain there love at first sight. I'd bet you a nickel that Wolfe meant more than Silk's just deducing it from the needler design. (Though he does make Brown-esque deductions that almost always seem to be right. Perhaps that's his genetically induced ability :-).

And "of course" Hyacinth is the Church (the bride of the messiah, who goes "whoring after strange gods", who cannot accept/does not deserve forgiveness, but who is given it just the same).

On names: the name "Silk" is interesting since silk is strong and flexible. It's also made from cocoons, I believe (a transformation image), but is also "man-made" in that you normally only think of silk as a fabric (from "faber", meaning "to make" I believe). It is suggested that Silk is also "fabricated", that is a frozen embryo with perhaps special abilities.

But why is Blood named Blood? The word blood is very, very rich in Christian/Catholic teaching. In the storyline he is named Blood because of his bloody (caesarian?) birth. But there seems to be a sacrice/ blood/ransom/salvation theme with the manteion.

Kieran Mullen

P.S. I like the Italian restaurant/Catholic church link. I'll have to reread \_There are Doors\_.

P.P.S. \_Pandora\_ seemed like a book where a lot more was happening than on the surface, but I was just too dim to see it. I mean: "Alladin Blue" = "A lad in blue" = police. Anyone get much out of it?

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