

# The Outsider: Severian?!

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Keith Fields — 07 Apr 1997, 14:56

"Voices...One spoke into each ear most of the time. One was very masculine--not falsely deep, but solid, as if a mountain of stone were speaking. The other was feminine, a sort of gentle cooing; yet both voices were his..>>

<<If that isn't Severian, I'll eat my mouse.>>

Alga: Yes! I'm in total agreement. If that isn't Severian, I'll eat my keyboard! How about this, from Nightside, pg 10:

"It was the voices that mattered, only the paired voices (though there were more, he felt sure, if only he had ears for them)..."

The moment I read that passage four years ago, I was thrilled, because I knew Severian was back.

On page 66 of Nightside, Maytera Marble says the Outsider was worshipped on the Short Sun whorl, before the ship was finished. Couldn't that be the Conciliator?

I know others have suggested that the vision Silk sees of the criminal on the scaffold is Christ. Couldn't this have been from a torture that Severian performed? Remember, early in New Sun, Severian wrote that he wouldn't describe all the excruciations he performed.

Now, don't ask me to explain how Severian's consciousness came to be on the Whorl, or why he would take such an interest in the Whorl. I'm still working on those!

-Keith (No Vironese name yet)