

more Wolfe on Q&D

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m.driussi — 10 Apr 1997, 20:15

Reply: Item #2545266 from WHORL at LISTS.BEST.COM@INET01#

Here's the latest from Gene Wolfe:

"Your own THE QUICK AND DIRTY GUIDE TO THE LONG SUN WHORL has been very valuable to me in the writing of THE BOOK OF THE SHORT SUN. I owe you thanks and offer them. You may quote me. [Yay!]

"Auk is not a member of "Blood's Gang." [Wolfe is probably referring to the Power Groups Table, p. 34-36] As a member of Viron's underwhorl he knows Blood, naturally. Orchid, on the other hand, is clearly and simply a subordinate of Blood's; he is the real owner of the yellow house, and sends Silk there to exorcise it. [I put Auk on the Blood list because he seems to have lied to Silk about his contacts with Blood--Blood's monitor knows Auk quite well.]

"To the best of my memory, that azoth has a hyacinth in the hilt, while the demon (the stone one presses to turn on the force beam) is a bloodstone (p. 3). [This shoots down my speculations that the stone, thought to be a bloodstone, was actually a tawny hyacinth stone--linking the azoth-as-gift to Hyacinth rather than Blood. I'll have to look for the hyacinths on the hilt, but offhand that sounds more like the needler Crane gave to Hy.]

"The Prolocutor's Palace, the Grand Manteion, and the Calde's Palace are all on the Palatine, that is to say, on a single hill which they all share with Ermine's and the mansions of the commissioners and some other rich people; thus the streets are narrow, and the buildings are tall but not wide. Everything uphill is necessarily quite close together. Note that neither the Juzgado nor the Alambrera are up there." [referring to the map on inside back cover. I meant to suggest that the Juzgado was at the base of the hill, but maybe my "hill lines" were too sketchy. Granted there's too much room on the hill as I've drawn it--but there are physical limitations, as well as conceptual ones! <g> "But which street has the proper position for =Gold= street? And where, oh where, is the Alameda?" I silently whine.]

Color me quite the happy camper.

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P.S. vizcacha--glad to have you onboard the "Pike Aquastor" bandwagon. Alga won't come onboard anytime soon since she's the one who came up with the very interesting Quetzal-as-Pike theory.

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