

# Mysteries of the Whorl

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David\_Lebling — 11 Apr 1997, 10:10

I was thinking it might be interesting to make a list of the major mysteries (or at least controversies) about the \_Long Sun\_ books.

mantis did a nice (if typically oracular) one for the \_New Sun\_ books in \_Lexicon Urthus\_. (Perhaps it should be posted to the Urth list, which seems a bit moribund so far.)

These suggestions are in no particular order, as you will see. Some are big mysteries, some are little...

- \* Was that Pike's ghost in the manteion, or what?
- \* Who was Blood's father?
- \* Who was Orpine's father?
- \* What are Quetzal's motives?
- \* How long has the Whorl been in the Blue/Green system?
- \* Why did Typhon/Pas send it?
- \* Who was Urus working for?
- \* What were the five very great things Mint gave up?
- \* Did Silk replace Pas in Mainframe?
- \* Should the landers really have gone to Green?
- \* Exactly how much of the book did Horn make up?
- \* Is Pas dead?
- \* What about Blood's driver, was he Willet/Hossaan?
- \* Who was the body in the tunnel?
- \* What was the big fish that swallowed Mamelta?
- \* Was Hyacinth a spy?
- \* Who was the spy in the Calde's household Siyuf boasted of?
- \* What went on between Hyacinth and Chenille that they didn't want to talk about?
- \* Was Silk enlightened by Severian?
- \* Did Silk die in the pit? Why did Quetzal lie to Silk in the pit?
- \* Is Mucor a goddess? How did she do that, anyway?
- \* What was Silk so despondent about on the airship?
- \* What about all that confusion between Marble and Mint in \_Exodus\_?

Feel free to suggest additional mysteries. I'm certain I've missed some good ones. Also, if anyone wants an explanation of any of these (you latecomers have a lot of Archive to wade through), I'll try to provide it.

-vizcacha  
(david\_lebling at avid.com)

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m.driussi — 11 Apr 1997, 16:28 · follows David\_Lebling

Reply: Item #0548146 from WHORL at LISTS.BEST.COM@INET00#

viscacha,

Yay! Mysteries! Lists of things!

You are off to a good start, IMHO. I was thinking you might want to re-organize it by "big" and "little" mysteries, but on second thought I realized that our group could probably never reach agreement on which were either <g>, so best skip that taxonomic angle. Instead, maybe divide the mysteries up into rough topics, like "Identities" for issues of disguise, "Lineage" for issues of genetic/familial lines, et cetera? Well, maybe not--already I see some potential overlap with only two categories.

Hey, it also looks like a FAQ sheet! (Rather than "frequently asked questions" maybe ours would be "frequently argued quibbles"? <g>)

=mantis=

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Doug Eigsti — 15 Apr 1997, 13:17 · follows m.driussi

vizcacha,

A few (geographical) mysteries for you:

\*Why is Viron, in the South, colder than Trivaguanti, in the North? (IV, p79.3).

\*How do mountains cast shadows if the sun is always directly overhead? (I, p91.1)

\*How does seeing the Lake let Chenille know that she is getting closer? Shouldn't she be able to see it before she sets out because of the curvature? (II, p144.-1)

\*What is meant by the term "horizon"? (II, p255.-2)

=Talon=