

Quetzal & Pike

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m.driussi — 11 Apr 1997, 16:06

Reply: Item #2173915 from WHORL at LISTS.BEST.COM@INET00#

viscacha,

Re: Mucor waking the gods. Just a guess, based partly on her waking up the Sleepers, and the fact that shortly after her visits gods and goddesses appear--they practically spring up like roses in her train. (Don't forget that Echidna possessed Marble/Rose around the same time that Mucor was messing with Cassava--didn't Silk "mistakenly" think at first that Marble/Rose was possessed by Mucor rather than Echidna? Also Mucor was poltergeisting the yellow house for months before Silk showed up, so she has been active since before the book starts; Hy built her shrine to Kypris before the book starts . . . and I know this seems a wild stretch, since alga has already told me as much, but I think Mucor may have awakened Kypris first--by "accident" because Mucor was looking for love, the love that her adoptive father wasn't giving her--the same man who owned a whore house that attracted customers and workers also looking for love.)

This "Mucor waking the gods" notion ties in with (is the solution for) my other theory which is that Quetzal put the gods to sleep by the same methods (astral projection to Main Frame or the nearest node, switching the Viron connection switches off). So Mucor and Quetzal are sort of a matched pair, she unloosing (acting like the mischievous Jahi-of-Talos's-play) what he had bound (in a rather Marduk style).

Re: Pike fending off Quetzal. Since "fending off" has such a physical, "hand-to-hand" connotation, maybe I should have writ "warding off"? Since Pike taught Silk the warding charm that had worked for him in years gone by. If there is or has ever been another inhumu onboard the Whorl, then of course Pike may have warded off one other than Quetzal. However, the timeframe is right (both Pike and Quetzal being in Viron at the same time), the circumstances are right (the first inhumu attack or attacks might be connected to the turmoil following the death of Calde Tussah; maybe even part of the hunt for his heir), and there is no textual evidence that there is another inhumu onboard (as helpful as that would be in many ways). (There is slight evidence that there are different types of inhumu on Blue and Green, i.e., "hooded" versus other.)

Re: Quetzal's abilities. Shapechanging, etc. Well, it would be handy if he could go gaseous (like a vampire, or like Mucor but able to take his physical body along) or enter the corridors of time (alternate dimension) for teleport-like blinks hither and yon. We all agree that he can get small and bat like, since that is how he flit from Silk's window. (Now is this form different than the flying serpent shape he assumes to fly into his favorite tree?) But how he disappeared in the dark stairway to a locked cellar, or from a well lit dining room full of people, remains a bit mysterious.

Re: Q's physical description, don't forget those hinged fangs, just like our poisonous snakes.

Neat. Yes, somewhat like E.T., with the telescopic neck, but Q's head isn't so L-shaped as E.T.
Yes, inhuma would seem to be chinless in their natural state.

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