

Revelation of Horn as author

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Henry Rathvon and others have cited the line `At that moment I burst into the room' as the point of revelation of Horn's authorship. Actually, the entry `_Horn_` on p. 8 in `Gods, Persons, and Animals Mentioned in the Text' in `_Exodus_` calls him `the colonist who undertook to write the `_Book of Silk_`'. The line still hits with force even if one is so prepared, however.

I have always assumed that by placing these lists at the beginning of each book, Wolfe means for us to read them first. Sometimes they confirm what has already been implied: in `_Exodus_`, for example, Mucor is `the young woman grown from a frozen embryo purchased by Blood.' On the other hand, they sometimes make us wonder at the outset how the descriptions can be fulfilled, as with Mint's entry at the beginning of `_Calde_`: `General MINT: The Sword of Echidna...'

By the way, the name list in `_Exodus_` seems to be missing Feist, the Assistant Day Manager at Ermine's who attempts to keep Sand and company from seeing Siyuf on p. 293.

The name list in `_Exodus_` also calls Hyacinth `the estranged wife of Serval', who himself is identified as the captain who pretended to arrest Silk. If this is who Peter Cash meant by the `anonymous army officer' (actually a Civil Guard officer) in `whorl.v001.n017.1`, he evidently has a name. Silk makes the connection (sans name) on p. 368.

-- Dan Rabin

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