

Best Before 250 & Mamelta's memories

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Kieran Cleary — 18 Mar 1997, 17:20

Just a couple of quick questions:

I was reminded by J's mention of "30th Nemesis

332" of the list of numbers of Pas's seal above the "SEALED FOR THE MONARCH" lettering. Does anyone have any plausible idea what they mean? I had initially thought they might represent a sealing date and an opening date...a sort of "best before" warning, but couldn't come up with a convincing explanation to match the numbers without degenerating into dodgy numerology. (Sorry I can't reproduce them here, but I don't have a copy of tBotLS III handy).

Also, has anyone explained why the sleepers (according to Mamelta) had their memories wiped, yet Mamelta remembers, albeit fuzzily, some incidents from her childhood while with Silk, and also being told that she and the other sleepers-to-be were being taken to some sort of land-of-plenty. It seems a bit of a red herring to me: I don't accept Mamelta's explanation for the Whorl religion and deification of the royal family. She seemed to think that the memory wipe couldn't completely eradicate all memories of the strong personalities of the Typhon clan, so an artificial religion was created to give erroneous substance to these vague recollections. This seems an unlikely and drastic solution and it's not clear what it accomplishes. Any comments gratefully received.

FWIW, I'd also like to see a separate mailing list for other Wolfe works, that is, unless a stronger plot link between tBotLS & tBotNS becomes apparent <grin>.

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