

Incus "elevated" to Prolocutor

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Patri10629 — 25 Mar 1997, 09:41

Dear Mantis et al,

A Q & D plug for Mantis' "Quick & Dirty Guide to The Long Sun Whorl"...

What Fun! Thanks Michael.

I have one quibble of ambiguity--wow, in a Wolfe novel??--

On p. 19 of the Q & D under the Patera Incus list you write:

"--Scylla (riding Chenille) elevates Incus to Prolocutor, but later settles for Remora's position."

The actual event (Hardcover Book III, p. 32) is a bit more ambiguous, conditional (and humorous). Scylla actually appoints Auk Calde' (something I've heard no mention of here or elsewhere) on the condition (as I read it) that he fails to persuade Silk to obey her, and that he kills Silk. Then, offhandedly, she says: "The idiot here (Incus) can be prolocutor under similar circumstances, I suppose."

The humor (for me) is how quickly Incus seizes upon this insulting divine promotion, enshrines it as an unconditional endorsement, and, judging by his hostility toward him, how easily he forgets Auk might well soon be his boss!

And, speaking of ambiguity, what are those "similar circumstances" under which Incus may become Prolocutor? Is this an invitation to assassinate Remora?

Apparently the Outsider's in the details.

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