

Where did Rose's parts come from? Clues to Blood's Parentage

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Rose's Parts:

The question arose recently of where Maytera Rose's parts came from. (Xiphias apparently got parts from five different chems to make his artificial leg).

Well, when Marble is describing how she rebuilt herself from Rose's parts, she says she "reclaimed" them. The implication (unless you assume this is Rose-as-Marble talking) is that some of Rose's parts came from Marble.

Blood's Father:

Given Wolfe's offhand revelation of Blood's parentage in the response to our first question train, I was curious to see what clues I could find in the text. I found nothing but this interesting quote, from Rose-as-Marble (III, 352pb):

"I won't tell you who Bloody's father was, Patera. I've never told anybody and I won't tell now. But I will tell you this. He never knew. I don't think he even suspected."

It certainly raises a lot of interesting questions. Betel apparently knew that Rose was pregnant, so presumably the father knew as well. How could he have not suspected? Curiouser and curiouser.

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