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Kieran Mullen — 14 Aug 1997, 13:24

Then I drift from book to book and notice that in TBOTNS it is Agia who is associated with peacocks with her "pavonine" brocade dress. Which is interesting--Agia as an avenging Hera, Dorcas as Io (not to mention the Soldier series), and Severian as Zeus the amorous. I've often wondered about the animal fable layer to TBOTNS, especially when some characters have clear animal names: Dorcas means gazelle, Hildegryn is called the Badger, Talos has the face of a stuffed fox, and so on. So I watch for other animal aspects to show up.

I think you are off the mark with the Dorcas allusion. Dorcas was the name of a woman brought back from the dead (by Peter, I think) in the New Testament. (I don't have my RSV here, but it something like her name was Dorcas, but she was also called Tabitha).

Kieran Mullen

Alice Turner — 15 Aug 1997, 06:58 · follows Kieran Mullen

mantis, why do you think the name of the nameless little girl in the Antechamber is like that of a starship crew member's job title?

I wonder if we'll ever run into her again.

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