

tens and nines

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m.driussi — 08 Sep 1997, 16:24

Wombat,

Re: Marble's slipped decimal as ringing bells. Well, I know what you are talking about, I just haven't found any way to incorporate it into the timeline I've developed! Marble seems to be semi-hallucinatory whenever she starts talking/seeing numbers; and as much as I relish the full blown dreamlands of the corridors of time and Silk's occasional nap, interpretation of this material is very tricky--witness the Marble-merging-with-Mint ball of wax, begun in a dream in one book, then seemingly corroborated at two complementarily symmetrical points (which turn out to be typos) in the last book.

About that flight time calculation I gave before, it is developed a bit more fully in "Q&D"--the difficult guesses have to do with acceleration in micro-gees. If you shorten the flight time by deciding that the ship arrived a hundred years earlier, we can redo the numbers for a greater percentage of lightspeed, etc.

The references I cited were basically: the year-date on the circular ("332"); the comment by Tartaros that the original voices of the Nine have been dead for a thousand years.

And back to the Nine--I find it curious that Philip Jose Farmer uses undying titans for his secret masters of the world, aka, The Nine, in his Tarzan/Doc Savage books. Knowing that PJF is working with wild mythic stuff (Robert Graves, Joseph Campbell, etc), I'm still wondering about that Latin connection "Novensiles divi."

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P.S. Glad to hear you like the "Autopsy" piece.

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