

Theophanies and Possessions

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I thought a list of the above might be helpful. Note that only a virgin can successfully interpret a theophany (though a determined god can get through in a pinch, cf Kypris and the captain), but that possession can happen to anyone; of known possesseees only the problematic Mint is a virgin. No light show with Tartaros theophanies.

THEOPHANIES

Kypris, at Orchid's sellaria (I,293-298) to Silk: to "see his face" (she has glimpsed him earlier at Blood's), probably because of curiosity roused by the graffiti campaign.

Kypris, at the Sun St. manteion (II,44-45; interpretation 49-51) to Silk and the congregation: to encourage "crime" in order to raise money for Silk; to give Orchid a message; to possess first Mint, then Chenille.

Kypris, at Sun St. (II,323-324) to Captain Serval and Marble: to order the captain to protect Silk.

Echidna, at Sun St. (III,91-93) to the congregation: to order the populace to worship Scylla, to kill the Counselors, restore the charter and destroy the Alhambra; also to possess Marble and sacrifice to herself.

Tartaros, at the tunnel altar (III,238-244) to Auk: presumably to get to know him to determine his worthiness as a leader, and also simple opportunism (ability, through injury, to communicate with a non-virgin).

Pas, at the Grand Manteion (IV,38) to Quetzal and the congregation. Hearsay.

Pas, at Sun St. (IV,67-69; interpretation 98-101) to Incus, Auk, Hammerstone and congregation: to deliver marching orders.

Kypris, at Brick St. Manteion (IV,177-178) to Auk and Chenille: more marching orders.

Pas/Echidna/Pas, at the chapel beneath the palace (IV,204-5) to Mint, Remora and soldiers: to deliver Sand to the Grand Manteion.

Pas or Tartaros, at the Grand Manteion (IV, 235-236) to Auk and company: to transfer Jerboa's "piece of Pas" to Auk and fix Sand.

Kypris and "Pas," on the Trivigaunte airship (IV,346) to Silk and company: apparently to tempt Silk, or just for the hell of it.

Tartaros, at the launchpad, to say goodbye to Auk.

Note that I personally do not believe any of the Pas theophanies to be "real." I think them to be faked by Tartaros and, in the last case, Kypris. Others may disagree.

POSSESSIONS

Kypris takes Hyacinth at Blood's house (I,155-162; cf I,298)

Kypris partially takes Mint at Sun St. (II, 45 ff)

Kypris takes Chenille at Sun St. (II, 45) leaves her presumably at Limna manteion sometime before II,207.

Scylla takes Chenille at Scylla's shrine (II,258), leaves her at Lake Limna shrine (III,32)

Echidna takes and leaves Marble at Sun St. (III,92-101)

Echidna partially??? takes Mint???? at Sun St. (III,92 ff)

Tartaros takes Auk at the tunnel altar (III,244), leaves him at the Grand Manteion (IV,65)

These possessions differ. Kypris apparently slips in and out of Hy from time to time (our friend mantis has a theory about this, which I am sure he'd love to share). Auk seems to be in control of his senses and actions while possessed (except, perhaps, when he kidnaps Hy), but Chenille and (presumably) Marble are completely taken over. The Mint situation is completely different from the others, and I don't want to speculate on it here—I'd prefer to think that there is no Echidna in her.

ENLIGHTENMENTS

The Outsider enlightens Silk twice, once on the ball court (I,9 cf II,285-286) and once on his wedding night (IV,235).

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