

Long Sun timeline -- and distractions

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Ranjit Bhatnagar — 04 Feb 1997, 11:40

Here's a puny attempt at a timeline of recent history on the Whorl. Help me fill in the details -- or throw it away and start over.

About 300BE (Before Exodus): Typhon, last Monarch of Urth, causes the Starcrosser _Whorl_ to be launched with a bunch of brainwashed conscripts aboard as cargo, and digital simulations of himself, family and friends as the gods.

40-20BE or so: _Whorl_ arrives at its destination. Queztal sneaks aboard. Gang of gods kills Pas in order to forestall Exodus and their own obsolescence, but Pas (with help from Kypris and Tartaros?) saves backup copy of self in at least one human. Ayuntamiento of Viron usurps power and threatens Calde in order to forestall Exodus and their own obsolescence, but Calde Tussah goes to the box marked "In Case of Emergency, Break Glass" and pulls out a frozen embryo which he gives to a trusted friend; also impregnates mistress; is killed by Ayuntamiento. Meanwhile, Whorl, long past expiration date, starts to go bad. Sun flickers, overheats; Lake Limna starts to dry out. Ayuntamiento suppresses knowledge about Pas and Whorl to preserve power; Quetzal does same to prevent panic.

Autumn, 1BE: timed blood clot in Emergency Embryo's brain activates hidden programming (as Crane would have it); or, Outsider enlightens Silk (as Silk would have it). Rabble of Viron start to cry SILK FOR CALDE almost instantly-- all based on hearsay reports of enlightenment by an unknown God? or pre-planned scheme put into action by Tussah's posse? Silk breaks leg, smashes head, gets kidnapped, tortured, drowned, stabbed, shot, buried, but feels better now. Pas is restored from backup tape, which is destroyed in the process. Auk gets possessed by Tartaros and instructed by Pas; leads party off of Whorl, which makes Pas happy; Exodus begins.

Distractions:

* Silk is the answer to Pike's prayers. Exactly what did Pike pray for? Did Pike know Tussah?

* Dave L: "With his name [Wolfe] he'd fit right in on the _Whorl_." And, in Viron as in the USA, the name "Gene" is just as good for a girl as for a boy.

* They have wings, they live in heaven, and they serve and confer with God -- does anyone know if the names of the fliers are names of angels? Sciathan, Aer, Grian, Sumaire, Mear... They sound more like Tolkein elves to me.

* Whose children are Pas' sprats, really? If Pas was Typhon, he's got Piaton's testicles.

* Was it the same night that "Pike" visited Silk, and Teasel, who lives in the same quarter, got bitten by an old man with wings? If so, more evidence that P=Q. Q drops by, rummages through Silk's stuff, throws fairy dust in Silk's eyes, then stops off for a drink.

* A famous painting of the creation of the Whorl, parodied on the stage curtain in Orchid's place, depicts taluses of a beautiful yellow color: bulldozers! In the parody, the bulldozers are made obscene. I can just imagine Blood chuckling over the "taluses with phalluses."

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CoxRathvon — 04 Feb 1997, 15:14 · follows Ranjit Bhatnagar

To Ranjit: Thanks a million for your wonderful, entertaining timeline. I'm saving it as a reference and thinking about it carefully.

--H. Rathvon

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