

Manteions, Kypris, Hy

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Alice Turner — 04 Feb 1997, 17:49

Having done the list of theophanies and possessions (that was me--algae--not mantis, though I think it would be nice if mantis emended the list with that fine timeline he's cooking up), I now have a lot to answer for, so I'll do it point by point.

Mantis, when Chenille "comes to"---when Kypris leaves her, that is---she is sitting in a manteion staring at a screen. She thinks she's still in Sun St. and is confused to find out, when she exits, that she's in Limna. Stands to reason Limna has a manteion--we don't have to see it.

But wait: Kypris (forgive the misspelling of Cyprus before!) cares about graffiti?! She reads it? Where, when? Inquiring minds want to know! <g>

By the time Kypris calls Silk in after the exorcism, buzz about him is all over Viron. Why do you think she calls him? Hy? I don't think so. (As you know, I think Hy is hired by Crane to seduce Silk---at this point he's hardly aware of him.) If you look at the theophany list you'll see that Kypris becomes quite political and this is where she starts.

And later, re: ghostpike; so you are saying that Quetzal can't see in the dark under the nightland sky? Fair enough . . . so when he disappears in Blood's much darker cellar, we should be impressed that he doesn't stumble?

Nah, he can see...Silk probably sleeps on his stomach. And Q wouldn't want him to sit up suddenly to find His Cognizance bending over him to flip him over. I'm sticking with my theory, which I've already iterated.

And no, I don't buy your Osiris reading, except in the way of vague reference and general mythic richness. I'm sticking with my computer reading. But I have no doubt that Kypris and Tartaros could fix up "Pas" to incorporate Silk, both cosmetically and neurally.

And I don't agree with your Hy reading either, though you make a good case (actually, fellow Virons, his case is better than he's given you here---he goes on to list some physical curiosities...go to it, mantis). Hy is one of our favorites, and I have my own scenario for her, which I'll go into in a separate message (not today)---mostly I think she has no morals at all.

Dave, Kypris tells us (when she summons Silk) that she was in Hy at Blood's that night, and that she does this from time to time (presumably for sex) for fun but that now that Hy is 23 (too old, I guess) she'll soon stop. (I think that the reason Hy and Chenille are so easily possessed is that they are both addicted to rust.) And mantis can give you some interesting speculation on Kypris-Hy, that I don't buy. My position is that Hy is a less interesting character if she is completely controlled by Kypris.

Hy is definitely an informer for Crane. (So is Chenille, but not so successfully.) He tells Silk so. But I think she's for sale, body and/or soul, to anyone with money. And I am sure that she was paid to write that letter and throw herself at Silk. I'm 99% sure that Crane paid her, but there's a

slight possibility that it was Blood.

Why does Auk/Tartaros kidnap Hy? That's a puzzler. My feeling is that it's to keep her from seducing Silk (he will then lose his interpretive powers) because Tartaros needs the trusted Silk to interpret the "Pas" program he's putting together to tell Virons to get out of the Whorl.

I think you're right on with the mother/adoptive mother (the "beautiful" one). Kypris had nothin' to do with it.

I also think you're right on about the motivation of the gods in killing Pas (they didn't want the party to end). When I say that Pas is a construct of Tartaros and Kypris (actually I don't think Kypris does any construction), I don't mean that they couldn't put him together again. Tartaros could but he doesn't. It's a crippled program (Pas is much too powerful and scary to really reconstruct) with one purpose: to deliver Tartaros's message: Get off the Whorl---don't forget that Tartaros can't do a theophany by himself. The "piece of Pas" that Jerboa was carrying goes right into Auk via Tartaros. Pas has nothin' to do with it.

Re appreciation: When I first began Long Sun, I couldn't get rid of the feeling that I was reading a YA novel--this persisted through at least two books. But, as you say, there are layers!

Oh, and like Dave and Henry, I think the Whorl has been rotating the Blue-Green system for quite a while, maybe as much as 50 years. But I don't see how Quetzal could have got aboard it---I think he's been there from the git-go overlooking the Cargo to the point where he's gotten rather fond of it. Still it's a possibility. He's only been Prolocutor for 33 years.

Talon, nice sleuthing on Horn!

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