

Long Sun/Short Sun possible tie-ins

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xury — 05 Feb 1997, 16:14

I have a question. First of all, is the Blue planet Urth of Severian's setting. If so then that would make Green the Lune and the inhumis some sort of followers or desendence of Agia? Maybe? I'm pretty doubtful on this theory. But if Blue is Urth then it is in the future most likely after Severian brings the New Sun and the Urth (Ushas) need repopulation. But I have doubts and would like some feedback to see if this in any way makes sense.Thanks.

Xury

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Kieran Cleary — 26 Feb 1997, 11:23 · follows xury

Perhaps someone can help me out on this one:

In tBotNS, Typhon gets his head grafted onto poor Piatu's (?) body obviously in order to prolong his life and reign. Since he seems to have had the technology to copy/store his consciousness in a computer and thus possess people at will, surely this would have been a better method of achieving the same thing with Piatu or whoever. I do remember that Typhon made a big deal about his face, and that it was important for the leader's face to remain, but he could have gone the Lemur et al. route and fashioned himself a chem.

Which leads me to suggest that, since he didn't, perhaps Mainframe represents Inhumis technology which, for some reason, Typhon himself has access to. I know that, certainly by Severian's time, there is nothing new under the sun, but maybe it's possible?

On another note, I can't help liking Xury's idea about Blue being Ushas, perhaps, like others, because I'd prefer to see a stronger tie in with tBotNS. The current Pas/Typhon is such a weak link on its own. Perhaps it could have happened like this:

Typhon is getting worried: the exultants are fleeing Urth and a miracle worker has arisen telling everyone about the New Sun and spreading foment. So as a gamble on the future he builds a generation starship, fills it with Urthers who, by the end of the journey, will worship him as a god, and sleepers who will have all the technical know-how necessary to rebuild the Empire, while Typhon et famille are copied into the ship's mainframe (problem above still thorny, though), the plan being that Typhon will possess some unlucky individual and resume his activities once they reach Urth (sort of a "Carry On Despot!") After a subjective near light speed journey of 300 years, the ship returns to Urth, now Ushas. The coming of the New Sun has caused the old continents to sink, and according to Dr. Talos play, a new race of monsters has arisen? Another effect of the New Sun's arrival is gravitational upheaval throughout the system, causing Lune's orbit around Ushas to become eccentric, thus they periodically meet in conjunction.

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