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----- MESSAGE whorl.v010.n097.5 -----

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Rostrum said:

On Mon, 3 Apr 2000, Timothy Reilly quoted Alice:

who is working for whom. >It's fascinating. And one single person
(not a
god) puts the whole unwieldy structure in motion. I won't tell you
who that
is, but you can >figure it out by keeping track of motivations and
opportunities.

Alice, please do tell all. I'm not up to working it out myself, and
as I
said I don't intend to try in future. Same for you Patrick.

I agree. If you've got a conspiracy theory, let's hear it so we can
argue
about it. Somehow I doubt you've found an uncontroversially "right"
interpretation that we'd all come to if we only read more carefully.

Boys, boys,

I'm not going to do your homework for you! Honestly, it's not that hard
to figure out, thinking from back to front. And figuring it out makes the
series fun. Ask yourself some sensible political questions.

1) Who stands to gain by a civilian insurrection or civil war? (No fair
answering "the populace" or some such; at the start of the campaign Silk is
unknown to most of the populace.)

2) Why choose Silk as candidate for calde? (Arbitrary, to a degree
perhaps, but there are good reasons for it.)

3) Who is in a position to put a campaign to unseat the Ayuntitmento in
motion? (This person or party must know Silk and be able to influence him,
must have the wherewithal--money and aides--to physically start a
"populist" campaign, must also have access to and information about the

Ayuntiamiento, as well as the abovemenetioned motive.)

4) How is that campaign implemented? (Whoo-hoo, let me count the ways...well, actually, I'll let you count them.)

5) How does that campaign run out of control? (Can't foresee everything, can we, especially when we have unpredictable gods lurching in and out, doing odd things?)

At any rate, nothing is completely predictable, but there's some pretty tight planning here.

;-) -alga

I've always had a suspicion that Quetzal instigated the rebellion, probably with the express goal of getting the Cargo out of the hold and onto Green, where they can be of more use to his kind. Silk is a logical candidate for calde because he's all about carrying out the Plan of

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