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akt — 16 Jun 2000, 20:26

From: Alex David Groce <Alex_Groce at gs246.sp.cs.cmu.edu>

Alga:

Sometime back (archives taking forever to come up for me) you suggested that the "action" of Long Sun can be attributed largely to one non-divine character. I'm rereading LS again, and I now want to know who your candidate for mastermind is. I can think of two possibilities, one unlikely, the other also hard to defend as the choice: Pike (!?) and Quetzal.

No, Alex. And since I think of you and Adam as the two bright young things of the list, and since you've both got a month or so to wait until you get your grubby little paws on IGJ, I will set you the assignment to prove me wrong.

The "action" of LS, the populist political movement that eventually catapults Silk into the Calde's seat, and saddles him with Hy, as well, was masterminded and manipulated by--until circumstances decreed otherwise:

ready?

Dr. Crane

for reasons that you two can either figure out or repudiate.

(heh, heh, heh!!!)

-alga

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Alex David Groce — 19 Jun 2000, 20:30 · follows akt

(In response to Alga's revelation of the mastermind in Long Sun):

Aha. I ruled out Crane because I thought you were speaking more generally--his -initial- meeting with Silk is "accidental" (as accidental as anything is--the theme of prophecy*, all true, I'm beginning to think, runs even stronger in LS than in NS), but after that he certainly does manipulate things and is behind the political events. I can post my version of the evidence for this if anybody isn't convinced, although I thought that part was common agreement on the list.

Can I remain a bright young thing five years from now when I'm STILL a grad student?

* like the prophetic dream in Chap. 4 of *Lake* that I'd completely forgotten.

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John
8:32

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