

PC Exec Points Out PC's "Biggest Mistake"

What does executive producer Julie Hanan Carruthers believe was PORT CHARLES' greatest liability?

The In Depth Story: Calling *Tainted Love*, which introduced Caleb, her favorite arc, Carruthers to this day stands by PC's vampires and the supernatural element they ushered onto the canvas. She also defends the decision to bring back the bloodsuckers — even after Caleb's apparent first vanquishing, via a lightning bolt — for *Naked Eyes* and beyond. "No, I don't think that was a mistake," she says.

"To me, the biggest mistake was making witches, and angels, and avatars, and everything else in be-

tween," she concedes in an exclusive interview with *Soaps In Depth*. "It was all an experiment."

Why does Carruthers think that experiment failed, perhaps leading to PC's cancellation? "We were simply changing our universe too drastically," she now notes, "and viewers needed to be able to believe in that universe."

Illustrating her point, Carruthers says, "In *Tainted Love*, I could believe that a vampire was real — and I'm not a big believer

in the supernatural. But in some of the other [arcs], it started to get a little bit more far-fetched.

"The whole thing in daytime," she says, "is to make the characters accessible, believable, relatable... That's what we [should have] kept honest through all of the supernatural stories."



Son of a witch: Vampire-wannabe arcs like *Superstition* tested fans.



Look familiar? It's John J. York's (Mac, GH) WERE-WOLF series character.

Who, What And... Werewolves?

As reported exclusively by *Soaps In Depth* ("Burning Questions Surround Cancellation," August 5), the next supernatural species PC was going to take on was werewolves — although not to the same degree that the show explored vampires, angels, et al. "A portion of that is true, but what you've probably heard has been embellished a ton," executive producer Julie Hanan Carruthers tells us.

"[Werewolves were going to be] a piece of a puzzle, but one that basically connected back to our vampires," Carruthers explains. "Were we going to have wolves running around? No. Were you ever going to see fur on anybody's skin? No. But were we going to talk about a pack and a queen? Yes!"