

More 5HC Variant texts

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Michael Andre-Driussi — 12 Mar 2000, 10:53

Well remembered Talarican!

Talarican wrote:

I recall when I read the hardback library copy, I was struck by one particular passage that I was positive had been added from the older paperback version. It was in "A Story", where the Old Wise One was explaining to Sandwalker how the Shadow Children's "singing" worked. In the paperback version, as I recall, he said something like "Shake your hands. Now imagine your hands gone. That is what we shake. You may call it nothing, but what you think is nothing holds all things apart. When it is gone, all the worlds are born". I seem to recall the hardback version continued with another new sentence, not present in the paperback, which indicated this "birth" would follow the collapse of the universe. (so the Shadow Children's "singing" vibrates Einstein's Cosmological Constant, or Fred Hoyle's C-field? <g>)

Here is the 1976 Ace version (p. 95 in both the \$1.75 and \$2.50 version <g>):

"That which you call nothing is what holds all things apart. When it is gone, all the worlds will be born. But now listen to me."

Here is the Scribners 1972(?) hardcover edition (p. 88):

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This is all I can do, since I don't have the ORBIT version. But clearly there is a difference between the Ace paperback and the Scribners hardcover!

Sounds like a case for Robert Borski!

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Damien Broderick — 13 Mar 2000, 04:42 · follows Michael Andre-Driussi

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Looks to me like a classic typesetting error first time around, corrected later. Regard the break point: two instances of `worlds will', separated by about a line of text. No need to get cosmogonic abt it.

Damien Broderick

Damien Broderick — 16 Mar 2000, 03:48 · follows Damien Broderick

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D'oh! My careless reading, as bad as the luckless typesetter's. I stupidly took the first cite as the earlier (on-top-ology recapitulates file-ology). The typo dynamics remain valid, however, as someone else noted.

Damien Broderick