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David Duffy — 23 Jan 2001, 23:36

Rostrum wrote:

Reading "A Story," I got the impression that the field was hiding St. Anne from an already-settled-by-humans St. Croix, not shielding the whole system from Earth. In the story, the humans show up almost instantly after Shadowchild terminates the song (which seems odd...

I think we're in the wrong worldview here. The song is magical, so its effects break down immediately from the point of view of a pre-Contact narrator, no matter how acausal that appears to science fiction critics ;)

I would have thought that any shielding effects on foreigners would be psychic in nature...their own perception would be that they just hadn't got around to colonizing St Anne yet.

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