

chapter 1 OBW

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Hey guys. Remember how my theory of "corn and maize genetics proove that Blue is Ushas?" I just wanted you guys to read chapter 1 again with that whole plant genetic thing in mind. I was blown away; how did I miss this the first two times through?

Horn talks about bringing Pas back, obviously what Remorah wants to do. He talks about crossing two strains: ""You get the best maize by crossing two strains. Some crosses are better than others as you'd expect; but the best ones will yield a lot more than either of the original two, fight off blight, and need less water.... all those good qualities disappear in a year. The crop after the first is liable to be worse than either of the strains you crossed, in fact, and it's always worse than the parent strain, the one from the crossing." ... "I agree. The point that you're both forgetting ... I'm not sure how I can explain. We call this whorl Blue, and call our sun here the Short Sun." "sure" "At home, we called the whorl our ancestors came from the Short Sun Whorl. Your mother will remember that, I'm sure, and I remember talking wit Patera Silk about all the wisdom and science that we left behind there." ... Hide had been waiting for a chance. "I don't see what any of this has to do with maize." "IT HAS EVERYTHING TO DO WITH IT. I was about to say that when Pas stocked the landers it was on that earlier Short Sun Whorl. He was a god there, you see, and I think probably the greatest. Since he was, he's capable of becoming a god here, too, although he hasn't done it, OR AT LEAST HASN'T LET US KNOW HE'S DONE IT YET." No one contradicted me.'

Hide goes on to say "You jumped from Maize to the things you and mother had on the Whorl."

In true lupine fashion (remember the vision of Dante's Paradiso that Weer uses in Peace to describe how the world is in his head (one point that encompasses all points)), Wolfe has told us that the short sun whorl left behind has everything to do with crossing strains of maize, whose second generation strains are worthless because polyploidy can only thrive for one generation in plants. It's all right there in chapter 1. Marc Aramini

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