

For Joe: every being of his kind

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Joe said:

How has Horn been "every being of his kind"? (pg 272 pb OBW). This is said by the neighbour Horn to Horn before he is resurrected in Silk. Horn has

been (so far) a son, student, lover, fighter, colonist, husband, father, mill builder, adulterer, sailor, quest taker....and more. Except for the last, many New Vironese men could probably claim to be all these things (replace miller with smith or cooper if you like).

What do the writers mean by "his (?) search for the fabled town of Pajarocu" in the Afterword to RTTW (pg 409 tor hc).

Typically, my analysis just brings up questions I can't answer but I have to say I like your theory more and more.

Well, I believe that Silk is the guy they are talking about at the end, that Horn has left him entirely by the end of writing On Blue's Waters, (note the change from negative descriptions to positive descriptions: "I should have mentioned his smile, etc etc") when he reposes under the tree and says goodbye to his family, going into Babbie. Therefore, "His (?) search for the fabled town of Pajarocu" was not done by the man they are talking about, Silk, but by Horn, a different man who was temporarily in Silk. Horn was the only one looking for Pajararocu. As far as Silk being "every being of his kind", he has looked through the blue glass and sees the world as a holistic picture, and if his DNA has mixed with the trees when he fell in, then he has created a new race, and is every being of his kind by virtue of being both plant and human, but still being Horn. His DNA is then probably responsible for all the Vanished People that he encounters directly after that, before they begin feasting on others (they do get permission to come back ... "bwa ha ha. We will eat you foolish humans")I'm not clear if the plant genome has entered into Horn and turned him into something like the Green man, to perpetuate a new species, but note that later Silk doesn't eat very much, and he is very sick in the cold weather. Of course, I think his staff is feasting on him, but perhaps he is going through the winter blues that most plants undergo - I'm just not sure yet if Silk is the original green man through mixing with Horn or not.

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