

neighbors

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maa32 — 22 Feb 2002, 00:52

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Steve Strickland — 23 Feb 2002, 01:09 · follows maa32

You're right. Sorry. That's what I get for talking off the top of my head (boy, I sure had the sequence wrong). By the way, Marc, I think you've had some great insights along the way, and one of these days I'm going to get a chance to sit down with my books and think about which of your theories I think have landed true.

----- Original Message -----

From: "maa32" <maa32 at dana.ucc.nau.edu>

To: <urth at urth.net>

Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2002 6:52 PM

Subject: (urth) neighbors

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William Ansley — 22 Feb 2002, 04:30 · follows Steve Strickland

At 5:52 PM -0700 2/21/02, maa32 wrote:

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Marc,

Yes, you have expressed your theories before and at considerable length. You are certainly positive enough about them, but I am not buying any of it at the moment. I definitely find the genetic aspects of your "plant-human hybrids" to be highly questionable. Of course, that doesn't mean anything in science fiction. In fact, the only thing that matters is whether what you express in your theories is what Wolfe had in mind.

And, despite having read through the Short Sun series twice, I have no idea what Wolfe had in mind, so I can't criticize you on that account. But your theories don't help me to make any more sense out of the books, so they don't appeal to me either.

If I can work up enough enthusiasm to re-read the SS series (which is doubtful) I will be keeping your ideas in mind, however.

William Ansley

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