

How long gone

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A couple of weeks ago I posted some numbers wrt Green's orbit, distance from Blue, time before and since conjunction, and how long Horn had been gone from Lizard. Those figures were based on statements in the first two SS books, and were rendered correctly. Briefly, it is twice stated, once by Sinew (31) and once by Horn (38), near the beginning of OBW, that conjunction is two years away. Conjunction occurred while Silkhorn was in Gaon. Hide told Silkhorn, during Blanko's war, that he (Silkhorn) had been gone for three years (IGJ, 294). The distance Green diverged from Blue was extrapolated from these time spans and Gagliardo's figures.

However, in my second reading of RTTW, page 226 contradicts those time spans. Both Silkhorn and Hoof claim that it has been _not quite two years_ since Horn left Lizard. And this after they left Dorp. Huh? You see the problem. Was he gone almost two years, or almost three years? Is there something far from obvious going on here that I just can't see? Or did Wolfe screw up?

-Roy