

Boy Called Frog and interplanetary war

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Michael Andre-Driussi — 07 May 2002, 00:41

Blattid quoted me and wrote:

To Josh Geller: But I don't recall an interplanetary war in "The Tale of a Boy Called Frog."

Dude, the whole bit where Frog's brother comes and they fight and they build the city.

Umm, that's the Romulus and Remus bit, iirc.

When I read Romulus and Remus, I don't see "interplanetary war" . . . do you? Fish and Frog are certainly urban vs. rural, without question, but I myself cannot see planet vs. planet.

The tale has ways of saying "offworld." The mother of Spring Wind clearly lives offworld, "beyond the shores of Urth." "The World of Shadows" is also offworld, and if it has a real location in the solar system it would be our Pluto, the planet Dis of the Commonwealth.

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Josh Geller — 07 May 2002, 02:26 · follows Michael Andre-Driussi

On Mon, 6 May 2002, Michael Andre-Driussi wrote:

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Dan'I Danehy-Oakes — 07 May 2002, 15:13 · follows Josh Geller

Mantis:

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Josh:

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Me:

What Josh said -- that is my memory also, and what I was referring to. I'm a little frustrated because I reread the thing like two or three months ago and now I just can't recall for certain, but I'm pretty sure Fish calls for help from SW.