

Blue as Ushas - long + More LONG!

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Ryan Thistlethwaite — 17 Nov 2002, 11:04

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Jeff Veyera — 17 Nov 2002, 17:38 · follows Ryan Thistlethwaite

To your point, Ryan, Silk lamented at one point that the inhum were merely a reflection of those on whom they feed, not evil in and of themselves, and that were humans better people, the inhum would be no threat. The Neighbors apparently were similarly fallen, in that the inhum drove them to near extinction; impossible if Silk's interpretation was correct and the Neighbors were morally superior to humans. The Neighbors get a very positive treatment from Silk and Horn throughout the book---the truth likely wasn't so wonderful.

This might also explain Silk's willingness to surround himself with inhum---might he not have been hoping to redeem them through his own example?

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

From: Ryan Thistlethwaite [mailto:shintemaster at hotmail.com] Sent: Sunday, November 17, 2002 3:05 AM To: Urrth Messages Subject: Re: (urth) Blue as Ushas - long + More LONG!

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Roy C. Lackey — 17 Nov 2002, 18:37 · follows Jeff Veyera

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Let me rephrase that, I never had any impression that they did it the old fashioned way using ships. I don't know that that makes any difference, but just something I felt...