

Astral Projection - The First Time

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Charles Reed — 18 Nov 2002, 18:14

Joe Cilluffo wrote:

When Horn is trapped in the pit that Krait rescues him from,

... <snip> ...

Horn proceeds to have an hallucination about Nettle cooking for him

This is extremely ancillary to the main topic about Blue and Ushas, but I just thought about the above.

I don't think Horn is hallucinating. I think this is the first occurrence of his "astral projection" thing, although he's not aware that that's what it is. Consider the facts we know:

(1) This projection thing was most likely something that the Neighbors could do and which some -- perhaps all -- of the inhumis "inherited" from them through the drinking of their blood. Horn's ability to project is dependent on there being an inhumis nearby and occurs during sleep.

(2) The place projected to has to be a place familiar to the one projecting, or at least to one of the group of people who are sleeping and projecting together. Also, there seems to be a need for the person/group to concentrate or visualize the place to which they wish to project.

[Off-topic note: this has always reminded me more than a little of the ability to "jaunte" as described in Alfred Bester's THE STARS, MY DESTINATION.]

Both facts apply in the case of Horn in the pit. He was asleep/unconscious, thought he was dying, and his thoughts no doubt would have been of the home and wife he believed he would never see again. Krait, being nearby, allowed the projection to occur. It wasn't a hallucination. It was real to him, and it was real to Nettle.

This, by the way, answers a question I have had for some time: Once Horn realized he had the ability to perform such projections, why didn't he ever project himself back home to Nettle to let her know he was all right?

The answer, I believe, relates directly to this scene. Nettle was really freaked out by Horn's sudden appearance, and was pretty much hysterical from what I recall. Once Horn realized that he could, intentionally, project himself back to Nettle, he wouldn't have because he knew it would scare the living daylights out of her. (That sounds kind-of flippant, but I don't mean it to be.) On top of that, by the time he was starting to get a grip on his new ability, he would have known that his projected self didn't look exactly like Horn anymore, which would have scared Nettle even more.

Anyway, that's it for now. Any thoughts?

Charles