

Blushas

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Dan'l Danehy-Oakes — 26 Nov 2002, 17:24

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Jeff Veyera — 27 Nov 2002, 01:24 · follows Dan'l Danehy-Oakes

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I thought that Pas/Typhon's daughter Scylla had possessed Oreb at that point. They went back to Urth as she had been born there.

Do I get extra credit? :)

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

From: Dan'l Danehy-Oakes [mailto:ddanehy at siebel.com] Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2002 9:25 AM To: urth at urth.net Subject: (urth) Blushas

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Don Doggett — 27 Nov 2002, 04:35 · follows Jeff Veyera

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I'll take that bet, mister. If the person in the pit who revives Horn is Severian as a Vanished Person then there was a comingling of the two. Whether you accept that it was Severian or not, at least grant me that there was a mingling of "whatevers". Therefore the narrator is also part Severian in addition to being part Silk and part Horn, and could thus travel to Severian's time. The only invocation of relativity I will offer is that Silk is either Severian's half brother or his genetic father, but pretend I didn't say that as it has no bearing on this discussion. As for the inhumis travelling from Lune to Urth, they simply would have flown, like they do from Green to Blue. And there are plenty of instances where the inhumis could be on Urth simply through the connotations of Urth being Earth. Vampires, goatsuckers, etc. In one sense that's what they are - demonic bloodsucking shapeshifters. I'd argue it's only natural for them to be on Urth.

Blattid, your subject heading leads me to something that has been preying on my mind for the last several days. This Blushas argument has been going on and off for quite some time and no one is really willing to give ground, nor should they. But what if what Wolfe has done is write a dual text, one that is ambiguous enough that you can read it either way and still not lose its basic meaning. I don't think that is beyond him at all. I'm not proposing some insipid "We're both right!" solution. I'm just saying that no one here is stupid or terribly careless and yet no one can seem to deliver the goods for either argument.

Don

Andy Robertson — 10 Dec 2002, 22:10 · follows Don Doggett

The fact is that, while I don't believe that Blue/Green are Ushas/Lune, it does ring true on a deep level.

I have been puzzling over this.

All I can suggest is that Blue/Green are a new "Urth" but are not "Ushas", if that makes sense.

Wolfe has to write about certain themes of redemption and of man's relation to God in a fallen universe.

These themes drive, not merely the plot, but the *Physics* of the Lupiverse: and they also drive its (retroactively corrected) history

I suspect that when he started the BOTLS Wolfe did not know where he was going, did not realise the Whorl was in orbit round a sun, and did not know about Blue and Green.

At the end of BOTLS, Blue and Green existed, but most definitely were not Ushas and Lune

At the end of BOTSS, I think Blue and Green have moved some way towards becoming Ushas and Lune.

They are not there yet, no. But if Wolfe ever pens a fourth book in thebtrilogy, the doubters may get some surprises.

(and of course, if Blue and Green become Ushas/Lune at the end of this fourth book, they will **always** have been Ushas and Lune)

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