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maa32 — 22 Aug 2003, 18:13

There is a reason I always paraphrase quotes instead of looking them up. I get distracted, especially in Short Sun, and then you guys have to suffer for it. More Green is Urth from Aramini.

I have probably been accused of misrepresenting and bending the text to my own vile purposes more than anyone on the list. Call it intellectual laziness instead of willful difficulty. I don't want that to happen, nor do I want to quote a whole three pages, so I am giving a page range this time.

I was looking up signs of hunger and after-meal sickness, but I never found it. Instead, I would ask that anyone interested refer to pages 101-103 in In Green's Jungles in their entirety.

To encapsulate my previous theories, the trees are the vanished Gods who recombine with animals and people through blood to make the multilimbed creatures of Green and Urth; the liana vines are primitive inhumu who have not yet feasted on human blood; Green is Urth in the future; some of Horn left Silk's body at the end of OBW when he sat under a tree, and the tree was responsible for it. So far so bad. Now:

Chapter 6 of In Green's Jungles is entitled "The Guessing Game" Our humble narrator goes and sits on a log, and suddenly he is recounting the end of the affair of the man on Green in First Person instead of third. p 102: "At time sit seemed to me that a thousand inhumu must have been lurking beneath the water, and that the points of light I saw were their glittering eyes, softened by ripples,; but every few minutes a dark shape would pass among them like a floating log, and I would realize yet again that it was we, not they, who populated the water. Nor was that all I saw. Great hairless beasts, on two legs and four, and six, came to the river to drink or to course our floating corpses as bears pursue fish, and I recalled the strangely named bear with which He pen sheep had exchanged blood, and wondered whether such bears sought carrion beside the rivers of shadelow." Over on page 103: "Without Oreb to remind me, I might very well forget to eat and sleep. Sudden enlightenment can be wonderful, as wonderful as the sight of the Neighbor's light flashing through the dense foliage of the band had been to me. But wonderful though it is, it is not the only way in which understanding comes. A full day after that (I still remember how hungry I was by then), when something moved in" [he mistakes his sword for a carrion worm and it moves to his hand]

OK. So here we have the narrator sitting on a tree corpse and thinking about his experience on Horn, then about 2, 4, and 6 legs after talking about a blood transfusion. Also, we have the statement that when he thinks of the trees floating by that it was "us" under the water.

Oreb reminds the narrator to eat and sleep, as if he doesn't want to naturally anymore. I especially like how the blood assimilation of the native bear makes the narrator think of legs doubling and tripling, which I have maintained all along: trees eat people, spit out hybrid copies. Now, if a hybrid of a tree and a man came about, could he live off of sunlight and eat

when he had to as well, or is he stuck with just one form of sustenance?

I really should stop; I have quite convinced myself that I will never convince anybody else. Just be warned - if I am asked to look up anything in the book, I am liable to start posting the same things over and over. I especially like that the chapter starts with a discussion on enlightenment and is entitled "The Guessing Game." Ha ha.

Sorry.

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