

As the Whorl Turns

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John Smith — 26 Jan 2009, 16:07

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Best wishes,

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Craig Brewer — 26 Jan 2009, 19:42 · in reply to John Smith

I don't have the books with me, but when Silk first looks out of a lander in Lake and sees the short sun rising, are there any tidbits there?

From: John Smith <jsmith2627 at att.net>
To: urth at urth.net
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2009 10:07:06 AM
Subject: (urth) As the Whorl Turns

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Jordon Flato — 27 Jan 2009, 00:48 · in reply to Craig Brewer

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Jeff Wilson — 27 Jan 2009, 18:01 · in reply to Jordon Flato

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Oh, and I found some classic illustrations of asteroid habitats, complete with axial light sources and unshadowed interiors.

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Jeff Wilson - jwilson at io.com
< <http://www.io.com/~jwilson> >

Stuart Hamm — 27 Jan 2009, 18:06 · in reply to Jeff Wilson

Love the space age tractor..I want one!!

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--- On Tue, 1/27/09, Jeff Wilson <jwilson at io.com> wrote:

From: Jeff Wilson <jwilson at io.com>

Subject: Re: (urth) As the Whorl Turns

To: "The Urth Mailing List" <urth at lists.urth.net>

Date: Tuesday, January 27, 2009, 10:01 AM

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Jeffrey Brent McBeth — 27 Jan 2009, 19:18 · in reply to Jeff Wilson

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You should be able to get a reasonable estimate of the interior cross-section of the asteroid from the fire descriptions in BotSS

Jeff

"The man who does not read good books has no advantage over
the man who cannot read them."
-- Mark Twain
