

Inhuma continued

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O'Donnell, Tim BOSI — 26 Jan 2009, 17:00

I am coming late to Wolfe so I am not sure how the books were written.

I was under the impression that BOTLS formed a singular entity and that BOTSS was a later book written in the same universe.

Essentially that Wolfe did not have BOTSS planned when he wrote BOTLS. This is why there is no hint of Neighbours in BOTLS (unless...Patera Pike's ghost?).

But I stand to be corrected here, as I say I am not sure of the planning behind all this.

Returning to my questions though (and I think I can frame this differently): how long does it take the inhuma to breed/mature?

I was trying to figure out how long it would take Jahlee to mature but there does not seem to be enough evidence in BOTSS to put much of a timeline on it.

So, inhuma got on board the Whorl through actions of the Neighbours, possibly through landers/probes also. Did they breed on the Whorl or did they return to

Green before being transported to the Whorl again. What of the inhumas' ability to fly through the void? Is this a lie or can they survive in space?

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The BOLS and BOSS are a single novel. The Inhumis are among several dangling threads that are not tied-up until the SS. J

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Craig Brewer — 26 Jan 2009, 23:00 · in reply to O'Donnell, Tim BOSI

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Plus, I'd always gotten the impression that the end of OBW with the inhumini flying the lander pretty much put the lie to that idea. My guess was that the inhumini had gotten hold of other landers as well and "conjunction" just made it much easier for them to cross. Those are assumptions, of course. But the very fact that their ability to cross space always seemed held at arm's length by the narrators made me think that, at the least, we were supposed to suspect that it was a myth.

Jeff Wilson — 27 Jan 2009, 04:54 · in reply to Craig Brewer

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In near-planetary space without the protection of an atmosphere, the side of a body toward the sun will be hotter than the daytime side of the planet. It might be possible for a thick-skinned reptile to withstand the vacuum, and to keep the shaded side of the body warm by blood circulation. The shadow side wouldn't lose heat that much faster than on a planetside night, and the lack of air would actually help insulate.

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James Wynn — 27 Jan 2009, 05:57 · in reply to Craig Brewer

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Although I think Wolfe **does** have characters lie and never get called on it, I think the story is true. There's simply no other way IMO that Blue could be inundated with inhumini attacks if they had to depend on landers for all of them to get to Blue. I think the lander is how the inhumus (male inhumini) arrive. Jahlee (IIRC) says the void of space journey is pretty risky and many or most don't make it.

There is **some** atmosphere well out in space and where the atmospheres of the planets intersect I guess there's twice as much.

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I think the purpose of the lander was to get new humans to Green. But of course the inhumans would require them as well.

But, anyway, they got to the Whorl originally with the help of the the Neighbors. The most dependable way would be for a Neighbor to have grabbed an inhumans and Dream-Traveled there, and then traveled via lander to Green and back.

Hmmm...on the other hand, the inhumans can't see the light of the stars. Can they see Green and Blue in the sky?

J.

P.S.

I suspect the maturation process of inhumans is pretty short for various reasons, but I haven't used any math to test my opinion.

Matthew Groves — 27 Jan 2009, 16:28 · in reply to James Wynn

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Steve McCann — 27 Jan 2009, 19:55 · in reply to Matthew Groves

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Craig Brewer — 27 Jan 2009, 20:20 · in reply to Steve McCann

Flying space vampires? I'm cool with that. BUT GOSH DARN IT, WE'RE GONNA GET THOSE SHADOWS RIGHT! heh...

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