

Tell My Horse

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Brian Lovely — 17 Mar 2009, 18:30

In Zora Neal Hurston's "Tell My Horse" she describes how a Voodoo deity possesses a worshiper. The deity passes a message/instruction to the worshippers, adding an injunction to "tell my horse" --i.e. the possessed worshipper - when the possession is over. That's an example of an "internal rider". I figured Babbie was a horned animal, with two horns, and Horn making three.

Brian Lovely

while we've been talking about Babbie,

what do people make of that Horn in Babbie concept that was thrown around years ago. Stu pointed it out to me.

what the hell is up with that?

I don't think I buy that at all, but I understand the knee bit, and the outsider calling for Babbie confounds the reading. That an the "Beast with three horns bit" What else could be a beast with Three horns. Are horns just a metaphor for souls, which, seem to number 3 in Horn, but, the prophesy is that Horn will ride that beast, not be part of that beast, so I'm not sure if you could be a horn, and be a rider. humm...

When I read it, I felt Babbie mirrored (in a way) Pig. Horn had Babbie with him on one leg, and Pig with him on the other. Both are pigs of sorts.

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