

# Urth movie

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Robin Dunn — 13 Apr 2009, 09:35

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brunians at brunians.org — 13 Apr 2009, 09:52 · in reply to Robin Dunn

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Jeff Wilson — 13 Apr 2009, 10:21 · in reply to Robin Dunn

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I think it might best be done as a series of Sev's reminiscences, with 2-3 plot threads a piece, and one or two continuing along the arc. You'd also have some freedom from continuity, with the chosen foil complaining in the framing sequences "that's not the way you described them before" and being placated. Perhaps even use a grandfather/grandson frame similar to the Princess Bride, but with the grandfather being a bit sinister and playing on the child's short attention span to gloss over his inconsistencies. And of course, the grandfather is really Severian on Ushas.

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It's one of things you can fill in yourself, it doesn't necessarily have a dominant tone.

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they already made THE LORDS OF DISCIPLINE!

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

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b sharp — 13 Apr 2009, 17:48 · follows Jeff Wilson

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Jordon Flato — 13 Apr 2009, 18:13 · in reply to b sharp

I would say the glimpses in Severian's dream in bed with Baldander's shows glimpses of these megatherians also.

On Mon, Apr 13, 2009 at 10:48 AM, b sharp <bsharporflat at hotmail.com> wrote:

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