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Robin Dunn — 28 Apr 2009, 21:19

Fascinating discussion of the moral parts the Neighbors play vis a vis human settlement on Blue--

One thought I had is that it can be counterproductive to some extent to expect that every creature we find in Wolfe fits into a detailed bestiary that he had planned.

Severian narrates at some point in Thrax that he rarely reads tales where strangers are encountered, no dialogue results, but some nameless hatred is still there between men. As I recall Severian has this thought when he passes some guy that glares at him, without any explanation.

Part of what I always liked about Wolfe is that he's willing to have so many loose ends, and he's willing to introduce incredibly complex ideas and characters almost as side-gags, before moving on to something completely different.

I guess what I'm saying is, sometimes the crazy shit goes down, and we stay in the dark ;)

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- ? 1. ?Rajan and Food (Brian Lovely)
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Message: 1

Date: Tue, 28 Apr 2009 06:58:32 -0400

From: "Brian Lovely" <brian at studiobl.com>
Subject: (urth) Rajan and Food
To: <urth at lists.urth.net>
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He's a tree, he's a tree! Neighbors are trees, Inhumis are parasitic vines.
.or something. ?Not sure what the Neighbor-version of Inhumis are-maybe the
vine with a face that is cut for Incanto's staff. ?Except that seems so
quiescent. ?You'd think the Neighbor-Inhumis would be a bit more active. ?The
Inhumis are somehow about sacrifice and one race raising up another. ?The
Neighbors infected humans with Inhumis to see what human-Inhumis would be
like.not sure where I'm going with this, but there's something here about
being willing to suffer for the betterment of the Inhumis. ?So, a) the
crossbreed would be a "higher" being than the pure Inhumis, and b) you'd rid
yourself of them by being so passive.they'd take on your Christ-like
willingness to sacrifice yourself.

"James Wynn" crushtv at gmail.com wrote:

Granted, but when it is combined with the onset of ravenous hunger in the
Spring, we know more is going on here (incidentally, this is more of that
Tree-Neighbor connection that I still don't understand). I do not recall an
instance of LS Silk pretending to eat food set before him. He fasts, but
when there is not a lot of food available anyway, it is easy to be holy in
that way. Not the same thing as what happens in SS, I think.

--Brian Lovely

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Date: Tue, 28 Apr 2009 07:04:11 -0500

From: "James Wynn" <crushtv at gmail.com>

Subject: Re: (urth) Rajan and Food

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

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are-maybe the vine with a face that is cut for Incanto's staff.

Brian, let's posit that the Neighbors are dryads--that their steady physical
form is one of the "sleepy trees" in the forests of Blue. How do the inhumis
make the jump to become vines? Or how do they transform back to
winged/clawed vampiric reptiles? That is the fundamental problem with any
"tree/vine theory" regarding the Neighbors and inhumis.

J.

Message: 3

Date: Tue, 28 Apr 2009 11:00:10 -0700

From: Jordon Flato <jordonflato at gmail.com>

Subject: Re: (urth) Rajan and Food