

rajan, food and greenhouse

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Marc Aramini — 01 May 2009, 21:12

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John Watkins — 01 May 2009, 21:27 · in reply to Marc Aramini

This makes sense to me.

On Fri, May 1, 2009 at 5:12 PM, Marc Aramini <marcaramini at yahoo.com> wrote:

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James Wynn — 02 May 2009, 00:45 · in reply to Marc Aramini

Marc, you know that I greatly appreciate your speculative attitude, but I have significant problems with each of these.

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1) There's no suggestion in the text that inhumis can absorb the souls of the people they feed on. The souls are given to the children. Otherwise, we would have expected Quetzal's personality to radically change throughout the story as he fed on Teasle and others. Not to mention all the people Jahlee and Krait feed on. What does adding this extra bit of narrative gain you when you already have Chenille *on Green* available to have been fed on by an inhumis?

2) There is no lander on camera at the end of RTTW. They are leaving for Parjarocu with the assumption that there will be one there since the inhumis have a system there for transporting people to Green. There are other inhumis in the Whorl so why can't they commandeer more landers to use between Blue and Green?

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Actually this is not *far* off from my own understanding of the scene of Horn's death. But if someone has the least difficulty accepting *my* rendition (Horn dies and is resurrected by the inhumis who accidentally led him to his death) what would they make of the freely constructed mechanics trees that generate new copies. Do you suppose there are any other examples of this process in the story?

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I don't remember this from the detail of your theory. I just went back and scanned it, and I still don't see it. Where is this revealed?

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I'm confused. Didn't someone (Fava?) clearly state that the Rajan's staff --made from a vine-- was an inhumis and that the Rajan conversed with it at times? Your explanation seems to suggest that the vines sort of Neighbors; that is, Neighbor-Vines in parallel to Horn being a Neighbor-man. How do we get to vines being inhumis?

J.