

# Neighbours in the Whorl

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Andrew Mason — 09 Feb 2011, 15:10

David Stockhoff wrote:

The Whorl is a large place. Like Tzadkiel's Ship, it seems almost to contain a universe, not a small planet. It has a cargo full of sheep, as well as bays of clones and embryos to shepherd them.

It also has a crew or crews in the form of people like the flyers, correct? Is it unreasonable to assume that certain tribes aboard the LSW, especially those housed near its fore and aft ends and/or closer to its skin, are people the Neighbors might prefer to contact, avoiding the sheep themselves? Such people are accustomed to knowing things they do not share with the sheep, but once the Neighbors made themselves generally known in the towns there would be no going back.

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James Wynn — 09 Feb 2011, 15:44 · in reply to Andrew Mason

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Well, the fact that they knew Silk's body was soon to be available suggests they are there observing things. You make a good point though that the Neighbors can very well be active on the Whorl without ships or cracking the airlock.

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Ashley Crill — 10 Feb 2011, 01:05 · follows James Wynn

I always thought that the Neighbors spy on the whorl through use of the Sacred Windows and Glasses. This would explain how they saw Silk mourning and dieing inside the manteion. I'm not sure if they can do this through 'digital-astral projection' or if an actual Neighbor would to be present on the Whorl. Mucor seems able to travel between whorls in this fashion so i assume the Neighbors can also do so.

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Ashley Crill — 28 Feb 2011, 02:24 · follows Ashley Crill

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Gerry Quinn — 28 Feb 2011, 18:43 · in reply to Ashley Crill

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I think they must have got there in a spacecraft of some kind, since they also appear to have infected the Whorl with inhum. The expression "when it neared our sun" suggests the Whorl had not yet fully arrived in the system. We know the Neighbours had spacecraft, as they could not have got to Green without them.

- Gerry Quinn