

First Exodus

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Ashley Crill — 09 Feb 2011, 23:26

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Gerry Quinn — 09 Feb 2011, 23:55 · in reply to Ashley Crill

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could have been a small scouting party.- It could have been launched from Mainframe, with representatives from different cities including Viron.

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Lee Berman — 10 Feb 2011, 00:48 · follows Ashley Crill

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I don't see that as a problem. Why would people remember an isolated lander leaving the Whorl? Each city seems pretty wrapped up in its own business.

Now if you are talking about *storytelling* that's different. I would expect Wolfe to make some mention of a first exodus if it happened. To reverse Chekhov's Law, if a gun goes off in Act III it must appear on the wall in Act 1.

My problem is that Quetzal seems to have been in the Whorl for a really long time. Longer than the normal lifespan of a human being I think. But mostly, having Inhumani just sort of show up at the end of the journey of the Whorl belies the mythological/religious underpinnings of the whole Sun Series.

Evil/demons don't just show up at the end of the world. They have always been around, since the beginning, most often in disguise. I know some see nothing more than a big space drama here and they could be right- perhaps that's all Wolfe ever intended. But I and some others see deeper religious/ mythic allegory around each and every turn.

Gerry Quinn — 10 Feb 2011, 01:00 · in reply to Ashley Crill

Scouts that don't come back aren't very good scouts! Besides, if Quetzal came back, the landers must have brought him.

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António Pedro Marques — 10 Feb 2011, 01:59 · in reply to Ashley Crill

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Ooops. Please forgive me, I thought Ashley <=> Lee (though the First Exodus theory doesn't sound Leean at all).

But the point stands that your first response was perfectly readable.

Marc Aramini — 10 Feb 2011, 05:05 · in reply to Ashley Crill

--- On Wed, 2/9/11, Ashley Crill <ash_crill at hotmail.com> wrote:

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Yeah, exactly what I believe, but no matter what I say, people always attack me with that clone straw man thing as if I posited it originally.

Interesting, I will see if there is any dream or statement that can be construed as something like a preliminary exodus, but? I don't think that blue glass on blue necessarily indicates a ship taking off.

Marc Aramini — 10 Feb 2011, 05:09 · in reply to Gerry Quinn

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My point was not about the testes. My question was: if we assume that Typhon wanted to possess one or more humans on the colonised planet or planets, why would he do this to an embryo of his own flesh and blood?

In the case of Piaton, he chose his strongest slave. Why wouldn't he simply wait and choose the best suited for his purpose among the colonists or sleepers? Or, indeed, have embryos stored that would be well-suited? But there's no reason to think that a biological son of his would be ideal. Indeed, he had evidence (in the forms of Hierax and Tartaros) that it would not.

- Gerry Quinn