

Horn's abilities

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Andrew Mason — 26 Oct 2011, 16:53

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Daniel Petersen — 26 Oct 2011, 16:59 · in reply to Andrew Mason

Hm, very interesting and thought provoking indeed. I like it.
-DOJP

On Wed, Oct 26, 2011 at 5:53 PM, Andrew Mason <andrew.mason53 at gmail.com>

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Andrew Mason — 26 Oct 2011, 17:07 · follows Daniel Petersen

James Wynn wrote:

There is simply no other reasonable explanation, given the context, for Pike's sparkly disappearing ghost and the astral flying Oreb Silk also meets upstairs at a time when Oreb's wing is damaged.

Combine that with Rajan appearing in the grandmother's tale, and the timelines not matching for when Horn left, Hide left, Hoof left, and the ages of Sinew's sons -- well, dream-travel is time travel.

I'm not wholly convinced by that, because of the vagueness of dates in the _Sun_ universe generally. GW in one of the appendices to _New Sun_ complains that the people of that age have a strangely vague conception of time; and there's something in OBW which suggests people on Blue aren't entirely clear about how long the year is.

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António Pedro Marques — 26 Oct 2011, 17:48 · in reply to Andrew Mason

Andrew Mason wrote (26-10-2011 18:07):

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One thing is certain, that episode is to be explained and not just dismissed.

James Wynn — 26 Oct 2011, 18:44 · in reply to Andrew Mason

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Yeah, when I wrote that I suspected it **might** have been the other way around--but I decided to just go for it. And here's why: The events are so closely connected in time it doesn't really matter.

Andrew, I think you and I have discussed before that one wants more evidence than "Well, who else could it be?", but there really are a very limited number of night choughs in the Long/Short Sun story. Even if Silk had not discovered an astral old man in Pike's room, the existence of an astral Oreb would be a strong hint that the Rajan was nearby.

J.