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The Urth list — 6 messages, 5 voices, 09 Nov 2011

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Lee Berman — 09 Nov 2011, 20:32

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Marc Aramini — 09 Nov 2011, 22:45 · in reply to Lee Berman

My problem with all this is that Blue is colder than Urth is colder than Green - that city under the water is a MacGuffin, we are meant to look at it and try to find a way to map Urth onto it but there is just no way to do it and the mechanism is just not there to explain how they accidentally wind up on Urth when they mean to go to Green. I firmly believed blue was Urth/Ushas until Gene corrected me. I don't see Blue as Ushas. It's the coldest of the three (two) worlds. It's something else.

And I like literal truths to explain things in Wolfe; I feel that is how he utilizes symbols. Thus my opinion Latro really IS Pleistorus, Weer really IS dead, Green really IS Urth, Silk really IS Typhon's son, Kypris really IS Mamelta, the rajan really IS Silk after OBW, etc etc etc. I think that's how Wolfe operates when he creates his identity mysteries: that there is a real tacit solid non-symbolic solution that explains the metonymic resonances that permeate the text (bunch

of tales about dead people and sneaky murderers set up in parallel? narrator is really dead and killed at least one person!)

We don't all have to agree though and I really do understand why some don't.

--- On Wed, 11/9/11, Lee Berman <severiansola at hotmail.com> wrote:

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To: urth at urth.net

Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2011, 12:32 PM

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Antônio Pedro Marques — 09 Nov 2011, 23:38 · in reply to Marc Aramini

No dia 09/11/2011, às 22:45, Marc Aramini <marcaramini at yahoo.com> escreveu:

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I think this is an important point.

James B. Jordan — 09 Nov 2011, 23:49 · in reply to Marc Aramini

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Where did he say this? In the one interview I recall, where he said anything about it at all, he denied that _the pair_ Green and Blue mapped to any of a number of planet pairs. But he did not deny that the one planet, Green, was Urth.

Dan'l Danehy-Oakes

Marc Aramini — 10 Nov 2011, 02:48 · in reply to James B. Jordan

He denied Green/Blue was Urth/Lune. He never ever denied to me what he wrote to me; just asked me not to share it after the fact.

What is the author's say?

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