

Like a good Neighbor

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Lee Berman — 21 Nov 2011, 02:56

James Wynn: But if Seawrack did not *truly* believe Horn was dead--because she had some genuine reason solid reason for believing he was dead--then I have never read a Wolfe story. I honestly cannot imagine why there is any debate on this issue. This is about as emphatic a signal that Wolfe offers.

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Gerry Quinn — 21 Nov 2011, 12:56 · in reply to Lee Berman

From: Lee Berman

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I think that view is untenable, and I support my contention with events described in the text, not chapter titles and formatting.

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If I were Marc, I should be far less offended by those who honestly disagree with his theories [which indeed to many of us are seriously out to lunch, and we honestly say so] than by your apparent belief that he can be manipulated into becoming a proxy warrior for your attempts to render this list a comfortable environment for torrents of un-thought out drivels.

I have noted also your recent attempts to get Marc to change his theory so it becomes vague, ambiguous, meaningless, and therefore hard to falsify. If you were honest, you'd instead have told him what you think is right about it and what you think is wrong with it.

- Gerry Quinn

Lee Berman — 21 Nov 2011, 19:47 · follows Gerry Quinn

James previously argued that he was a Neighbour who replaced Horn, and that fits okay with his theory. But if it can't be that Neighbour, it must be someone else, and the question is who?

Sort of a silly question if the beings in question are plural in nature, not individuals. We have a clear example of such in Tzadkiel.

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David Stockhoff — 21 Nov 2011, 19:59 · in reply to Lee Berman

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I am unsure of this, but I agree that such sharing is far from fatal.

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Versus a tusked one there is a reason why Horn's boys are Hoof and Hide.

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Perhaps, although Nettle is not a Neighbor. But that could be considered an evolutionary step up.

Lee Berman — 23 Nov 2011, 15:53 · follows David Stockhoff

Marc Aramini: Well, my problem with this assessment of Silk is that he has no real power to heal the sick and the dying, as Severian occasionally showed. He can only spiritually abet them - he seems much more like an individual who might become a saint to me than a Jesus. Sergei seems right on the money on that one.

Yes. (sorry for my previous disagreement Sergei. I misread your post).

Severian is more like Jesus with his healing and his resurrection. Silk is more like a saint and he does die. (I guess he is resurrected too, but not in a Jesus- or Severian-type way).

Moreover, Silk is unequivocally a "nice guy" like a saint (Francis of Assisi?) while Severian has much more of an edge to him, like Jesus who was not really a "nice guy". Jesus was sarcastic and harsh in his criticisms, in a way Silk would never be. Plus Jesus used a whip on people to punish them, a comparison Wolfe has made for Jesus explicitly to Severian, in an interview.

David Stockhoff: Is it impossible to equate a clone with a son? After all, if you or I cloned ourselves, we would raise the result as a son. All we'd be doing is cutting out the middle, er, middlewoman (at least her genetic contribution).

Which is exactly what happens in 5HoC. It has been noted before but again I'll say that every major theme in 5HoC is present and elaborated on in the Sun Series. I think it cannot be ignored. (identity, cloning, father-son, faerie, unreliable narrator etc.)