

Secrets and Domes

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Brian Lovely — 28 Nov 2011, 17:19

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Brian Lovely
Brian at studiobl.com

Brian — 28 Nov 2011, 17:23 · follows Brian Lovely

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James Wynn — 28 Nov 2011, 17:27 · in reply to Brian

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David Stockhoff — 28 Nov 2011, 18:02 · in reply to James Wynn

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I don't think these are terribly difficult questions. I'd guess:

(1) A big animal ran into it. Or inhumani slaves smashed it to expose the small trees inside. Depending on how long it's been since the Neighbors left, it could be harder to explain why such a glass structure might still be standing.

(2) Because she knows it's a violated Neighbor nursery and she is not a Neighbor but knows enough about them, even if she may be on friendly terms with them.

Brian — 28 Nov 2011, 18:18 · follows David Stockhoff

Seawrack says something about there being similar domes on the bottom of the sea. Either those sank or this one has been brought up somehow. I've always wondered if there was a connection between these underwater domes and the neighbor one of Horn's sons sees when he looks through Seawrack's ring. What is going on beneath the surface of the sea?

António Marques — 28 Nov 2011, 21:08 · in reply to David Stockhoff

David Stockhoff wrote:

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Why is Seawrack so troubled about being there?

Because she knows it's a violated Neighbor nursery and she is not a Neighbor but knows enough about them, even if she may be on friendly terms with them.

What do you think Seawrack knows about the Neighbours?

Gerry Quinn — 29 Nov 2011, 13:26 · in reply to Brian Lovely

From: Brian Lovely

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That's one reading of it, though I didn't see anything about it blocking light in any direction. It seems to amplify light: a possibility that occurred to me is that it transmits light from adjacent dimensions. Against that is that when Horn first saw the motion of the bush where the greenbuck was, he thought the glass might have helped him. But he later saw motion in another bush without it, and after that saw the greenbuck.

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- Gerry Quinn

Brian — 29 Nov 2011, 14:15 · follows Gerry Quinn

Good point, Gerry, after I sent it, I thought about how curved pieces of a broken structure with a circular footprint could also be a cylinder, not a dome. ...and the one-way glass could be arranged to let out as well as in.

Still, I think it is significant, and I don't recall seeing any theories about how the ruin fits into the greater puzzle.

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