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Lee Berman — 26 Nov 2012, 18:37

Marc Aramini: the secret of the inhumans is that they are all that is left of humanity, a vestigial parasite that can no longer breed without a fresh infusion of human blood.

For all intents and purposes, they are humans, and their little mating ritual where they pretend to be man and woman is just ontogeny recapitulating phylogeny.

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Marc, I mentioned an Eden connection to Green via Quetzal's story in the thread Claw = Fang?. Then there is the "GREEN is Urth!". How does this origin myth relate to the Inhumans being "vestigial parasites"? Which came first, humans or inhumans?

Antonin Scriabin — 26 Nov 2012, 18:45 · in reply to Lee Berman

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If I remember correctly, the Inhumans are sort of snake-like, with bones that can rearrange (some snakes have bones that can detach when swallowing large prey, and others have freely moving ribs that aid with gliding)? This gives them (in part) their shape-shifting abilities. They also change their appearance through the use of cosmetics. Anyways, there are a few species of snake that give the appearance of blurring the line between the mammalian and the reptilian ... garter snakes, for example, give birth to live young (they are ovoviviparous, meaning their eggs hatch while still inside the mother). <<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ovoviviparity>> This doesn't mean anything in regards to Wolfe, necessarily, it just popped into my head when you mentioned the strange reproductive behavior of the Inhumans and their pseudo-reptilian nature.

On Mon, Nov 26, 2012 at 1:37 PM, Lee Berman <[severiansola at hotmail.com](mailto:severiansola@hotmail.com)> wrote:

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