

5hoc: carapace, the cemetery columns, Sandwalker's feet, predendritic

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Marc Aramini — 07 Apr 2013, 13:59

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David Stockhoff — 07 Apr 2013, 20:22 · in reply to Marc Aramini

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Allan Anderson — 07 Apr 2013, 20:27 · in reply to Marc Aramini

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David Stockhoff — 07 Apr 2013, 20:39 · in reply to Allan Anderson

I've never been able to find a source for that notion. I can only guess it's an old racist canard that hasn't survived into the Internet age, at least not on the Internet.

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Sure. I suppose I was thinking as much of the reference to Gondwanaland, i.e., Gerry's suggestion that people of the novel's future simply know more than we do, or think on larger time scales, thus they coined the term. Our primate ancestors might have been living in trees around the time it broke up.

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