

# Memories stored in the brain

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Ashley Crill — 14 Jul 2013, 23:30

From: Gerry Quinn <gerry at bindweed.com>

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Gerry Quinn — 15 Jul 2013, 10:46 · in reply to Ashley Crill

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antonio at gmail.com — 15 Jul 2013, 12:09 · in reply to Gerry Quinn

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No dia 15/07/2013, às 11:46, "Gerry Quinn" <gerry at bindweed.com> escreveu:

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Jeff Wilson — 15 Jul 2013, 21:43 · in reply to Gerry Quinn

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Gerry is correct; the other Vodalarii received the memories and loyalty sentiments despite there not being enough brains for everyone each time, nor did they enjoy Sev's wondrous gifts. Ultan, the best read man in the Commonwealth, also confirms that memories can be gotten from non-brain extremities, like fingers and hands.

I just hope they remembered to clean the maze this time.

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Lee Berman — 20 Jul 2013, 18:15 · follows Jeff Wilson

Antonio: Severian discusses this with Ultan.

I think Antonio is correct. It doesn't have to be the brain. In his conversation about eating the dead, Ultan likens it to a (70's style) hologram plate in which the entire picture is stored in each and every piece, no matter how small. So you would think any body portion would do.

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Jeff Wilson — 21 Jul 2013, 04:20 · in reply to Lee Berman

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