

Mars

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This is Sean Whalen (prion).

In Tracking Song, the planet apparently relates to Mars, as many people have said (such as it's like the old pulp comics that always happen on Mars). Does it also symbolize the state of war between the animal tribes? What does the planet Mars symbolize to American Indians?

In The Book of the New Sun, what we call Mars is called Verthandi (the Norn of the present). In the Tale of the Boy Called Frog, the god Mars in the Story is called Spring Wind, whose horoscope showed him to be unbeatable in battle. His sons, Frog and Fish, correspond to (among others) Romulus and Remus. Frog gets adopted by wolves and escapes a smilodon. The story also features Squanto (an American Indian), who teaches Frog. I know this whole story is supposed to be like The Jungle Book, but it seems a lot like Tracking Song, too. Does anyone see any other parallels between these two? Well, a Frog jumps, like Cutthroat did (it couldn't be, could it?). I'm not sure.

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