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The Urth list — 2 messages, 2 voices, 13 Jul 1998

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m.driussi — 13 Jul 1998, 21:28

Dan,

Right, not all the buildings in the Citadel are former ships--just the towers, and maybe not all of them. The buildings: the picture gallery is made of brick, I think; then there are the barracks/city street-like structures they go by on their way to Echopraxia.

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Re: animal husbandry and beast master rites ("bestiality"?). You are right, and among other things it shows how very little Sev knows about his own lifelong neighbors, the beast handlers and the witches (who =knows= what the Red Tower is all about). (We actually know more about the beast handlers, even though he never met any within the text--and he met one or two witches!) OTOH, since Wolfe often has puns come to life in his work, I can't be certain that the beast marriage isn't really carried out.

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Michael Straight — 14 Jul 1998, 09:01 · follows m.driussi

On Mon, 13 Jul 1998 m.driussi at genie.com wrote:

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Speaking of arks, I just recently looked up 'autarchy' wondering what the difference was between that and 'monarchy' and was surprised to learn that the original spelling is 'autarky' with connotations of self-sufficiency coming from the 'ark' bit.

Could the change to an Autarky from a Monarchy have had something to do with a movement to make Urth self-sufficient again? (One step of which would have had to have been the reseeding project you mention.)

-Rostrum