

Horn's astral Journey to Nettle

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Endymion9 — 04 Sep 2000, 12:05

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Was Horn trying to lead Nettle into death with him? Is this why Horn has never tried to return to Nettle in an astral trip again? Her reaction. Wasn't there some conjecture as to whether an inhumis had to be present for an astral trip to take place? Looks like a neighbor will do also, unless Krait was along on this journey but hidden (I doubt it).

The more I think of the Neighbor/Inhumis relationship I think that they might be a creation of the Neighbors. When the neighbor touches Horn is he doing the same type manipulation on Horn? Creating an inhumis? or something else? out of him?

Dennis/Endy

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David Wells — 05 Sep 2000, 19:26 · follows Endymion9

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Interesting.

But if Horn is astrally-journeying in the same sense that he does in IGJ, you would expect him to appear to Nettle in her kitchen with his "inner self exposed" - cf. the changes of appearance of Horn, Oreb and the inhumani when they astrally travel.

Given that Horn's soul is in torment in the pit, he may appear to Nettle to be in less than the best of health (I can't help thinking of the "return of the friend" in *An American Werewolf in London* ;-).

Which Nettle might well find somewhat scary.

All just speculation, though.

old newt

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