

RTTW Questions (Spoilers--No Spoiler Space)

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mark millman — 05 Feb 2001, 12:31

At 05:27 AM 05-02-01 -0800, Tim Boolos wrote:

I guess I'll start.

First, RTTW was the most fulfilling end to a series that I have ever read.

I was in awe of the whole scope of what he accomplished and the ending with Remora surprised me. Yes, I'll admit it I missed all the clues and was shaken when I realized the impact of that conversation with Remora. I still can't get over how involved I was with the character and yet never figured out truly what was going on.

So, here are a few questions for wiser heads like Alga and Mantis and Borksi.

[snip]

"I would never have used it while Nettle was alive", confused me, Jahlee didn't kill Nettle, did she? Didn't Nettle go with Silk and Marble?

[snip]

For the most part, I agree with David DiGiacomo's answers. For the question above, though, I'd suggest that it's another example of Horn's and Silk's memories mixing. "It" is the azoth, if I recall correctly (I don't have the book here to check); he says "Nettle" but means, I think, Hyacinth. Note, if you will, that this error is the opposite of the ones he was making at the beginning of OBW; at that time, Hyacinth's name often appeared when he meant Nettle, but by this point, the substitutions have entirely reversed themselves.

Nacre

*This is WHORL, for discussion of Gene Wolfe's Book of the Long Sun.