

A Few RTTW Questions [spoilers]

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Spectacled Bear — 09 Feb 2001, 13:35

At 07:30 2001-02-09 EST, BMeyer7 at aol.com wrote:

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2. Who are "the little men on the bridge" and "the black gang" (p. 336).

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The Flyers are "little people", reminiscent of Fairies in their size and secretiveness. And Celticness, I suppose. They are the crew, and the bridge is the bridge of the starship Whorl.

The black gang work near the reactor, so their name is probably an old phrase for coal-blackened engine room stokers. That's just a guess, but searching Google for "black gang stokers" gives a page of results that confirm it. I do love the Web :-)

3. Are we to believe that Horn/Silk is Malrubius?

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It's an interesting idea, and quite plausible.

4. Who is the man in the cloak on Green? (p. 191)

5. There has previously been a suggestion that maybe Horn/Silk was an inhum. It has been noted that one feature of inhum is that they don't eat much. On p. 361, it is said of Horn/Silk: "sometimes it seemed like he was just pretending to eat and drink, and this was one of them." Wow! This is a Gene Wolfe red flare signal of something isn't it?

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He definitely does eat and drink sometimes, and since he **is** Silk, he can't be an inhum. So far the idea that Silk just eats a lot less than Horn seems most reasonable to me.

Spectacled Bear.

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