

Missing pieces (was: Quadrifons) (Spoilers)

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William Ansley — 14 Feb 2001, 23:09

At 11:37 PM +0000 2/14/01, Christopher Culver wrote:
Reading again Horn's Eucharist scene at the Neighbor's altar in IGJ, which I believe is one of the most moving things Wolfe has ever written, I was suprised to see him mention that he "sacrificed for Olivine." I think it will be interesting to go back through the first two books and put together all the pieces now that we have RttW.

Well, when you put all the pieces together, I'd really appreciate you telling us all about it. I personally don't believe Wolfe has given us all the pieces or anything like it.

In fact, he has left *so many* loose ends, especially with regard to Scylla (Is she going to possess Oreb again? Why did Marble say "Oh, Scylla!" when she could see again and why is Silk so concerned about it?) that I can only assume he is seriously considering writing *another* series of books about the Whorl and its five year journey to discover new life and new civilizations...

Now, I am sure that this, if true, would be good news to some, but I am really not sure if I am going to bother with Wolfe's next novel if it is part one of _The New Book of the Long Sun_ (Egad! That sounds like a title Wolfe might actually use. It will be followed by _The Long Book of the Short Sun_, _The Short Book of the New Sun_, ...)

Here's another missing piece: What the heck are Mora and Fava doing possessing anyone? I don't even remember, did both of them die in IGJ? Is this possession supposed to have something to do with the fact that they are another human/inhumi pair?

I feel pretty sorry for Mucor. Not only was she genetically engineered as an embryo, stolen and sold, brought up by someone who didn't love her but just wanted to make use of her special powers, given brain surgery on to make her more tractable and then starved and imprisoned and used as a brood mare to incubate lynxes (and other animals?) but her special powers aren't even special any more. Mora and Fava can possess people and Horn/Silk and any inhumi can astrally project themselves and anyone else who happens to be nearby.

Hey, here's a theory: Mucor did it! Did what? Made Silk murder Hyacinth, bust up his home and injure himself, not necessarily in that order. After all, what *was* she doing for all that time when Horn was waiting for her to return when he was out on the island with Marble and Mucor? But these events wouldn't happen for months you protest? Well, she figured out how to project herself astrally through time as well as space.

Well, I thinks it's as likely as Robert Borski's theory. 8->

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