

Pig Ears, Redux

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David Lebling — 22 Feb 2001, 09:01

From: "Robert Borski" <rborski at charter.net>

<<If I read you correctly, Patrick, you seem to be denying the possibility of even small godlings in general, whereas Wolfe at least mentions them twice.>>

From: William Ansley <wansley at warwick.net>

<<And you have left out what, for me, is the clincher. The ears! Godlings have "bestial, pointed ears" (RttW, p. 53). When Horn refuses to allow Pig to return to Blue with him, Pig first assumes that it is because Horn had seen his ears ("Seen me h'ears" is what Pig says on p. 372.) What in the whorl can this mean except that Pig

is a small godling.>>

I first brought this argument up in this post:

<<From: "Dave Lebling" <dlebling at shore.net>

Subject: (whorl) Pig Ears (spoiler)

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More evidence of Pig-as-godling:

The godling Horn/Silk meets in the beginning is described as having "bestial, pointed ears." (p. 53).

Pig shaves and gets his hair cut after (before?) his operation. When Pig asks if he can go to Blue with Silk, Silk refuses. Pig's response? (p. 372)

"Seen me h'ears."

"That has nothing to do with it..."

Perhaps what Pig means is that his ears, like the godling's, are distinctively pointed.>>

Just thought I'd mention it since I so rarely am the first to pick up on something! Not to mention, I rarely agree with Mr. Borski's speculations...

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