

new member (*spoilers*)

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Jason Ingram — 02 Apr 2001, 01:35

(There are some minor *spoilers* below.)

Hello, I'm new to this list and wanted to introduce myself. I've managed to work through the most recent archive, and so will limit myself to a couple of simple questions until I've been able to scour the rest.

--The second ring, the one Oreb brings to "Horn" in RTW, changes in form. I didn't know quite what to make of that, and would be interested in others' views. The fact that the ring changes would seem to possess minor significance, but I'm not sure what that might be.

--I was curious about mixed references to "Horn's" eye(s) in earlier volumes; based on RTW I hypothesize the following: "Horn" gives an eye to Pig, returns to Blue, and functions with one eye at times, and either uses or wears the mechanical eye that he later gives to Maytera Marble at other times. Have I missed something here?

One fact I unearthed in researching hyacinth: the plant can be used as Pig fodder. (apropos of the Who song, it is also called 'water lily'.)

Incidentally, I can see only an ironic reference--regarding hyacinth--to TSEliot's The Waste Land, in that the scene in the hyacinth garden references paralysis and failed communication. However, some interpreters have argued the opposite.

The theme of mixing memory and desire is another matter.

Happy to have found the list,
Jason

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