

Godling size

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James Jordan — 19 Apr 2001, 11:18

At 08:53 AM 4/19/2001 -0400, you wrote:

I thought the main objection to the godlings is that in Act 1 (New Sun) the author goes into detail about why anything that big would have to live in the sea or collapse under its own weight and then in Act 3 he presents us with such a creature without giving us any hint of how it is possible, or even a sense that we're supposed to see this as a physics-defying miracle

-Rostrum

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Dan'l Danehy-Oakes — 19 Apr 2001, 10:19 · follows James Jordan

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George Terry — 19 Apr 2001, 11:16 · follows Dan'l Danehy-Oakes

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Wouldn't help him when he came to Viron, though.

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