

teleporting inhumu

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Robert Borski — 21 Apr 2001, 00:56

The water rat, Dan'l D'Tree and Kevin M. all contributing to the following thread:

But back to your thesis. You're saying only Narrator can do astral travel, not just any human, because of his Neighborliness.>

<I wondered about that. Do Horn's sons ever initiate travel on their own? If not, then I've already given a reason why the Narrator would have a Neighborly ability that no other human has--his life was completely remolded by the Neighbors' magic/science in a way that no other human's was.>

<Say... doesn't the astral travelling only begin after Oreb brings the Narr back the ring?>

My own explanation for Horn's Neighborliness, of course, is that he's part Passilk, and Pas is selon moi a Neighbor--not that Horn's life has been reconstructed/reconstituted by the technomagic of the Neighbors. The net result is still the same.

Also: isn't the ring Oreb brings back a different ring? And as far as this being the instigator of Horn's astral travels, he's given the original ring early on by Seawrack, but despite access to an inhumu (Krait), never does any astral traveling. If you wish to argue this is because he has not been transformed by the Neighbors yet, why given him the ring in the first place--since it's unlikely the Neighbors know Horn will eventually be uploaded in Silk's body?

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Fernando Q. Gouvea — 21 Apr 2001, 09:16 · follows Robert Borski

**** On Sat, 21 Apr 2001 00:56:49 -0500, "Robert Borski" <rborski at charter.net> said:

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I'm not convinced the ring has anything to do with it either, but as to Horn not engaging in astral travel: isn't there a sequence, when Horn is in the pit, in which he suddenly finds himself back on the island with Nettle? I don't have the book here, but if I'm remembering right that looks like a first astral travel incident, completely involuntary on Horn's part. Presumably, Krait is nearby at that point.

Fernando

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No one gets too old to learn a new way of being stupid.

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Michael Straight — 22 Apr 2001, 21:44 · follows Fernando Q. Gouvea

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Never mind the wacky Typhon-is-a-neighbor theory, I don't think there's any evidence that Pas or Passilk ever possessed Silk, Horn, or Silk|Horn. Silk|Horn is Passilk inasmuch as there's some Silk in both of them, but there's no Typhon in Silk|Horn.

-Rostrum

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