

# The Neighbors' other friends

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Nicholas Gevers — 22 Apr 2001, 07:42

Another note on the Secret: does any human other than Horn/Silk have the ability to travel astrally, surely a rare gift from the Neighbors? In other words, is there anyone else who can lead human expeditions to attack the inhumani birthing pools on Green, once Horn/Silk has departed? Well, the answer is yes, there probably is such a person, probably several. Taal has had direct dealings with the Neighbors. Windcloud states that he has other human friends besides Horn. They're around, and their numbers can easily be augmented, now that (as of RTW) the Neighbors are intervening directly in human affairs...

--Nick Gevers.

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Michael Straight — 22 Apr 2001, 21:48 · follows Nicholas Gevers

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-Rostrum

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Nicholas Gevers — 23 Apr 2001, 06:00 · follows Michael Straight

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Robert Borski — 23 Apr 2001, 11:04 · follows Nicholas Gevers

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Hey, does this then perhaps answer the question about who it is that Mora and Inclito remind Horn of --i.e., Mucor and Blood?

Pertinent quote from IGJ: "...after racking my brain for long days I've finally realized who you and your father remind me of. I knew--I felt, at least--that I had met you both before. I won't tell you because the names would mean nothing to you."

The only problem with this is crimeboss Blood--who's hardly what I would call "very good people." Yet maybe...

Robert Borski

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Michael Straight — 23 Apr 2001, 12:32 · follows Robert Borski

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It's not the same, but it has several characteristics in common with Silk|Horn's astral travel that Mucor's possessions don't: only works when Mora is asleep, ability to bring others along, linked in some way with an inhuman. And if Horn's possession of Silk is mediated by the same phenomena that enables astral travel, then we have another similarity.

Does Silk|Horn ever do astral travel to another place on Blue? People have asked why he didn't use it to visit Nettle. Is it possible that there is a minimum distance necessary for it to work, that he could go to Green or somewhere further away, but not anywhere closer? Perhaps one can't have an astral body on the same planet as one's physical body, which would explain why Mora's dreamwalking manifests as possession.

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