

Short Sun. new user - spoiler-ish

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Tony West — 16 Oct 2001, 03:41

Hello all... I used to subscribe to the BOTNS list years ago and after this short hiatus have subscribed to -this- list.... as a sort of introduction I thought I'd begin with a really sophomoric question that has been bothering me... I'm on my third re-read of BOTLS but have only read Short Snu once.

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Thanks for your time,

Tony

Michael Straight — 16 Oct 2001, 10:44 · follows Tony West

On Tue, 16 Oct 2001, Tony West wrote:

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They're pretty poor, and the old man didn't seem too happy that his wife was sharing with Silk. My impression was that he was afraid Silk would try to sneak back and steal from them, that this was a sign of how much society had broken down with the sun failing.

(I take it Silk won't have to go all the way to Yesod to get the Long Sun working again?)

I guess it's also possible they knew Silk and Hyacinth when they were living nearby and have some grudge against Silk. Or that they recognize him as Calde Silk and have some grudge against him because of his policies or whatever.

-Rostrum

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