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Joe Eull — 08 Jan 2002, 04:58

Trying to digest the thesis Marc's been developing. There are a lot of elements. One question though? If Horn is in Babbie, why have him in glasses? Silk is more likely to be in glasses, no? I do think there is something to this, but re-reading the relevant chapters didn't help me work it out. It makes me wonder though. The neighbour Hoof sees in the ring is pictured on the limb of a tree. I've always imagined this meant she was on a ship, like the Ship Severian takes to Yesod. I thought this because of an essay idea I've been nursing about trees in UotNS. But an interesting thing occurred to me:. The second thing Severian describes after the flooding of the House Absolute, is an uprooted tree, floating in the risen ocean (UotNS Orb pg310).

That is to say, the example we have in the text (URTH), is that the Ship sails out of the Briah universe and into the (presumably tachyonic) universe of Yesod. Then Severian gets =off= the ship, spends a short amount of time (a local day or so, iirc) on the world/ship Yesod, and then, from =within= the world/ship Yesod (which might be another universe altogether, i.e., "Abaddon") Severian is teleported (simultaneity) to Briatic space, near enough to the Ship to be drawn onboard with a life saver.

I've been trying to remember Wolfe stories that talk about FTL drive. Silhouette describes the return trip as an out of phase wave which cancels the time dilation effect, and I think Alien Stones has something I'll check later. In UotNS, it seems like Severian's return is like an electron stepping down a valence shell. Could the new sun be corroborant with this kind of radiance? Severian has made long trip across the centuries going up to Yesod, can the energy gained be used to create a new sun in Briah? Do Ymar and S's predecessor contribute energy by their journey's? 10 foot pole tapping in the dark here...very dangerous with Sev 3 out there.

Joe Eull