

Blue=Ushas?

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Grant Peacock — 08 Jan 2002, 18:32

Hello everyone,

Long time lurker, first time poster.

--- Kieran Cleary <kcleary at jb.man.ac.uk> wrote:

Ahh, this takes me back. I'm afraid I too still nurse the sickly Blue/Green=Urth/Lune hypothesis. Poor thing, but there's life in it yet.

I also have a soft spot for this hypothesis, since it was my first guess before OBW even came out. I figured Typhon was enlightened by the outsider (or whatever) and instructed to build an ark to preserve every culture on the world until after the flood, which is coming up now any chiliad. This is at least a good explanation for why he made the whorl so huge. It also conveniently explains how inhumis are in the whorl: They came on board on Urth just like the other passengers. So when I next re-read New Sun, I was looking everywhere for inhumis, but all I found was a few blood bats, although someone did post long ago saying that dorcas might be some sort of vampire.

If Severian is the outsider, maybe he ordered the building of the whorl out of guilt, and he knew that Typhon was the last person with the capability to do it.

So anyway I was convinced that the whorl is not an interstellar vessel, and I was pretty annoyed in the end of SS when it actually flew away.

If this idea is to have legs again, can anyone address the lack of support in the text for lower gravity on Green, besides alarmingly tall trees?

I believe it also has alarmingly large beasts, and alarmingly tall towers, and people on it have alarming capabilities when it comes to climbing towers and cliffs.

Since my surname is Peacock, I'd say I'm spared the responsibility of coming up with a clever name.

Peacock