

For everyone: chromosomes and a chat with Occam

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Matthew so kindly pointed out:

Methinks a chat with Richard of Occam would be good for you. :-)

Maybe there was a bottleneck effect that really favored multiply limbed or allopolyploid mutation (and by the way, in plants, you can usually double the chromosomes and still get a viable (but perhaps not always fertile) plant - it's a very common vegetable mutation). Polyploidization restores fertility. And this also supports my idea that all life is descended from terraformed plants, that ate the animals, added their chromosomes to their own, and became them, only multiply limbed because of the chromosomal aberrations.

All right. I will repeat this stuff one more time. If we have two huge planets that are green and blue, and all those details that I brought up about the moon's relative position, and how every change that Hoof notes from Urth and Blue can be accounted for by the coming of the New Sun (hoof emphasizes how the color of the sea is different, mostly due to the Sun, and how salty the water is TWICE ->and when the ice is melted, it is going to make the sea less salty, and the sun will make the sea a different color), and how he CALLS LUNE GREEN, and how all those little bits about the narrator's voice coming from the distant past somewhere, versus a scruple about the Neighbors, who are called THE PEOPLE OF THAT TOWN, with a Greater Scylla on both worlds, either of which can tell Silk where Seawrack is, and a big ass wall underwater that Seawrack talks about, what would Occam say? (And why the heck does Malrubius look like Silk?!) The spirits of the people of Nessus are angry at being drowned. But, as I've already said, I really don't care about this scruple. I just think it isn't too cool to ignore all those details from a writer like Wolfe. What would Occam's Razor say? Throw out that double-limbed crap -> we know that urth knew how to genetically engineer any kind of beast it wanted to, as well as having encountered indigenous animals that can form as many limbs as they want in the inhumu - who can mysteriously feed on and become like both the Vanished PEOPLE and regular people, too from eating their blood -> it's pretty obvious these animals can change and adapt in one generation. And that those trees eat each other.