

Horn the Narrator

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Terence Nickolette — 14 Dec 1998, 20:12

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Terence Nickolette — 14 Dec 1998, 20:26 · follows Terence Nickolette

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Michael Straight — 15 Dec 1998, 10:24 · follows Terence Nickolette

On Mon, 14 Dec 1998, Terence Nickolette wrote:

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(Ah, this bit of my last post belonged here.)

The first paragraph of Nightside identifies the enlightenment narrative as the way Silk "talked about it afterward" -- so that tells us where Horn gets it, and is a very subtle clue that everything we read about Silk's inner life may be from how he related it to others.

-Rostrum

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