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Alice Turner — 22 Sep 1999, 21:18

From: "Greg Neyman" <Greg.Neyman at gte.net>

From: Redhaven1 at aol.com

Hey, what ever happened to Sand, Hammerstone, and the rest of the soldiers

when the 'Cargo' left the whorl? Was this just meant to be left >hanging,

snip

three months ago, Josh Smith suggested that ... OK, by the numbers

1) Typhon made contact with Inhum, while his interstellar empire was at it's glory

2) agreed to send "tribute" of human cargo

3) WHOOPS! did he forget to tell the Inhum of the LEGIONS of mechanical invasion warriors he'd be sending? Must have slipped his mind :) !

so basically, the whole whorl was a Trojan horse ... a scheme of Typhon's to

take over the Inhum with an invasion force that could dominate, one that the Inhum wouldn't have power over ... and that's why the chems have human

personalities because once the humans were devoured, they'd have to be

in charge of the campaign

OK, that's it for now .. Hat

Hi Hat,

Well remembered. But the trouble is--and you can check this out in the archives--Wolfe has explicitly denied Typhon's having prior knowledge of the nature of the inhum and quite probably even *of* the inhum. Variations on the idea of the cargo as "cattle" for the inhum turned up several times when this group was younger (!). It was a pet of mine for a while, but someone, I forget who, asked him flat out about it and he denied it.

-alga

*This is WHORL, for discussion of Gene Wolfe's Book of the Long Sun.