

# Mucor & Babbie & Seawrack

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David\_Lebling — 06 Oct 1999, 17:16

mantis wrote:

<<Then, didn't Horn decide that the huss had =not= struck whatever it was, but only licked up the blood after?>>

I thought what he decided was that Babbie hadn't \_eaten\_ whatever had come aboard; there would have been more leftover bits, as with the fish(?) he was eating when Horn came to that conclusion.

<<So, okay--huss nipped her arm off, just below the shoulder. She grendeled it back beneath the wine dark sea.>>

I think it's more likely that Babbie mangled her arm badly enough that it had to be amputated, than that it was bitten clean off a la Grendel. The description of the treated wound is oddly like that of Triskele's amputated leg in \_Shadow\_. No doubt the Mother could do this.

I doubt we know everything of interest about Seawrack yet, though I wonder when we will learn more, she having been left behind. But then, Babbie seems to be back (in some form) at the end of this volume, so there is hope. Horn's ruminations as to the Mother's purpose in sending (forcing) Seawrack to come to Horn are provocative, especially because they seem to just lie there. I thought initially that the reason was she wanted to get Seawrack to the \_Whorl\_. More on this in future volumes, I suspect.

<<(Or is it more a case of being directed by Mucor, because she doesn't like Seawrack?)>>

Wow! That hadn't occurred to me as a possibility, but thinking about it, the idea of Babbie as a stalking hus, er, horse for Mucor is too good to reject out of hand.

This suggestion reminds me of the interesting exchange when Sinew returns. Horn says that Seawrack is like Mucor, and her response gives a hint that she has some of the same powers.

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