

BLUE -- Jahlee, Chota, narrator/protagonist

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1. I loved the passage where the Rajan of Gaon compares Jahlee to a chameleon-like lizard and Evensong says "They catch insects with their tongues." Jahlee replies "We do the same, rani." I took this to mean the inhumi ensnare humans with words, which is a wonderful, chilling joke on Jahlee's part. Especially when you find out about the lander.
2. Did you notice how Horn/Silk/Babbie's emotional distance from Evensong changed throughout the later part of the book? First he calls her Chota, which is just her nickname, then Evensong, then back to Chota and finally "the Hannese girl." Could these be clues to identity of the narrator?
3. Speaking of the narrator, perusing the list of Proper Names in the Text, we see that Horn is the protagonist of the book, but the Rajan of Gaon is the narrator.
4. I also peeked back at Gods, Persons, and Animals Mentioned in the Text for the last three Long Sun books and in Calde of the Long Sun, Horn is listed as "the student punished by ROSE for imitating Silk." Foreshadowing?

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