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Roberson, John — 05 Nov 1999, 07:48

Fellow Wolfeans:

I'm new to the Whorl and would like to discuss OBW, but don't know whether everyone has read it yet, so SPOILER WARNING regarding the questions below.

Once again, Gene is playing identity games with us regarding Horn. Yes, he's definitely been back to the Long Sun Whorl after being hijacked to Green and my impression is, as a reminiscing narrator from the future, looking back, he'll lead us through his adventures on Green in IGJ and then write about his one-and-only trip back to the Whorl in RTTW. He's dropped the hint in OBW to the effect that a surgeon talked about "Pas-silk", intimating that Silk's physical body had Pas' (Typhon program's) head grafted on it in the "real world" during his stay on the LS Whorl. He also mentioned that he was pretty sure Silk was scanned into mainframe and potentially merged with the Pas program as Kypris suggested, in the "virtual world". Horn also affects Silk's attitudes frequently, dresses in augur's robes, and is apparently mistaken for Silk by Oreb and occasionally refers to himself as though he's Silk. So...I get the distinct impression that, unable to leave the LS Whorl, the Silk program had Horn look into the monitor at it and transferred some of Silk's essence into him, "possessing" him to the extent of giving him some of Silk's identity. This would be the only way Silk could provide New Viron and Blue with his leadership (or the leadership of someone possessing---no pun intended---similar abilities) without actually leaving the LS Whorl. This would explain Horn's references.

Also, does anyone care to speculate about the secret of the inhumu?

It would seem that their chameleon-like body-shaping goes even further to imitating the intelligence and anger/hatred of man for them and other men. There is a passage to the effect that if humans would only be more caring, then the inhumu would revert back to beasts in the jungle. Also, Krait becomes more like Horn and Horn's son as Horn begins relating to him as his son by proxy. If people only loved one another, does this mean that inhumu would be unable to prey on them and eventually slink back into the jungles of Green? It would appear in the Long Sun series that Quetzal absorbed some of the benign aspects of their religion while masquerading as a human and Prolocutor.

Anyway, interested in your comments. If we're still adopting Vironese names, call me Ram.

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Interesting is hardly the word for Clute's speculation, quoted above. It don't make no sense! I think it is pretty clear that Horn has visited and returned from The Whorl already by the time he has written OBW from the hints contained within. If that is so, then shouldn't the title of the final book be _Re-return to the Whorl_?

Well, one more reason I just can't wait.

William Ansley

"Having re-redisposed of the monster, our hero exits stage right."
-Bugs Bunny

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