

Seawrack

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Alice Turner — 16 Nov 1999, 10:10

From: "William H. Ansley"

OK, all of you people who think Wolfe always has a reason for everything he writes (you know who you are!), what is the reason for Seawrack's missing right arm?

[snip]

Is Seawrack really missing an arm or is Horn being mislead somehow? ("Prepare for mind control!" -Evil, in the film _Time Bandits_.)

From: Alex David Groce

At the end of OBW, I pity Seawrack, and think no ill of her, but I have a sneaking suspicion that the hints dropped and Krait's evident distrust of her may indicate that she's less innocent and good than she seems.

I'm in this camp. To start with, Seawrack was a gift from a mysterious entity, and surely we've learned to beware of such gifts. Krait's suspicion is a real clue too--in his maunderings, Horn speaks of future deeds on Green with a real love for Krait, but I don't recall anything of the sort re Seawrack. Now that Wm. points it out, I too find that arm thing odd, though I do think it's really missing. (Perhaps she can grow it back?) Especially since native fauna all seem to have multiple limbs.

-alga

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