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Bjpp2 — 20 Jan 2000, 22:45

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William H. Ansley — 20 Jan 2000, 23:21 · follows Bjpp2

The mysterious <Bjpp2 at aol.com> wrote:  
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Very interesting! And what could this substance be? Hmmm.... let me see. Why inhumini flesh, of course, preferably raw, although cooked might work. Humans eat inhumini, develop anti-inhumini antibodies in their bloodstreams. The inhumini die or get very sick when they try to drink the blood of these humans. Eventually inhumini revert back to beast status, in which state they are too stupid to know that human blood is bad for them, so they continue to remain a nuisance, but a much less dangerous one. (Or they might still be smart enough to let humans alone entirely).

Ingenious, but I don't think so.

alga seems to think we can't guess the secret with what we know now, and that may well be true. But what if we do get it right? Wolfe can just go and change what it is in the other two books! (Of course we'll have to wait a few more years before they come out. <g>)

William Ansley

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Jim Henley — 21 Jan 2000, 09:23 · follows William H. Ansley

-----Original Message-----

From: Bjjp2 at aol.com [mailto:Bjjp2 at aol.com]

Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2000 5:46 PM

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Ooh! It opens up some very interesting lines of inquiry.

Best,

Jim

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