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Alice Turner — 18 Feb 2000, 19:37

SBear whuffled:

In fact, is the blood theory WRONG?

To clarify, I don't mean **really** wrong, just a little different: that inhum take up the memories/intelligence of people bitten by their mothers while they are in the egg (or whatever). Is that what you think too?

and I thought:

Not entirely. We know for a fact that the inhum changed after feeding on people. But I doubt that they take on the specifics of single people. It would just be too odd. Sinew is probably a lot like his father (hence the enmity), and Krait is modeling himself as a young Horn. I do think Krait is a great character....

I did wonder how Krait came out quite so much like Sinew if all he had to work with was the genetic material in his blood. I like this explanation; Krait mimics Horn and comes out like Sinew. Thanks!

Yes, and it's important to remember, too, that the Horn Krait is mimicking is the original Horn, not the Horn who seems transformed later, not just in body but, we suspect strongly, somewhat in soul (or mental makeup) as well.

-alga

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