

an observation

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mark millman — 12 Apr 2000, 15:39

A friend of mine who doesn't subscribe to Urth or Whorl made the following remarks, which I thought interesting, and urged him to post. He declined, but told me that I might do so.

Please forgive me for posting this to both lists; but it concerns the topics of both, and so I'm doing it in case there's anyone out there who subscribes to only one.

On Tuesday 11 April 2000 at 6:15:35 pm PDT, Sean wrote:
If you wish, you may submit the following observations
in my stead:

The sequence of long novels that Wolfe has produced suggests a descent from a golden age, moving from Severian's **Book of Gold**, to a **Book of Silk**, and now a **Book of Horn**. Likewise, our protagonists descend in the scope of their powers, from the Conciliator himself to our sailor Horn, whose feet of clay extend up to his neck. Of course, the sequence is not temporally linear in that Urth, but in our Earth that's the way things have been written. Cool, eh?

--Sean

Nacre/Mark Millman

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