

Babbie and Horn

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Nicholas Gevers — 01 Aug 2000, 05:41

Ian Smith:

"I found him in he forest, sitting in the dark under the trees. I could not see him, it was too dark to see anything. But I knelt beside him, and lay my head upon his knee, and he comforted me." (OBW p.378)>

At first I thought this was another Neighbor encounter, but in IGJ Horn says he hasn't encountered them since they moved him to a new body. It could also be a particularly obtuse dream sequence, I suppose. Any ideas?

And then alga:

It is Babbie speaking here. It is probably Horn's fever-dream, but maybe not. Babbie is going to turn up again in the third volume (thank goodness, I missed him) and we'll know more.

And now me: When I read OBW, I was under the impression that the Horn / Babbie transference was a trick the Neighbors pulled to allow Horn to escape the inhumani; the latter have no interest in a hus, and would become confused. Of course, if the Neighbors are responsible, they are acting remotely, so Horn isn't really "encountering" them.