

De-Lurk with some Theories/Questions

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Tim Boolos — 02 Aug 2000, 12:58

First thanks to all on this list and the Urth list. I devoured all I could while waiting for IGJ.

Two theories:

Regarding the the cryptic passage near the end of OBW, I believe this to be a 'forest god' of the neighbors and thought that Horn/Silk/Rajan told the children about the encounter with the gods of the neighbors just after that episode. Horn was 'comforted' by the encounter just as the mother comforted and raised Seawrack.

Regarding the transformation of the narrative between OBW and IGJ, I believe this ties into the identity of the narrator/protagonist. It appaears from some of the clues that we've been given that Horn's spirit at the instant of his death was loaded into Silk's body at the height of Silk's despair over the death of Hyacinth. In fact it appeared to me that Silk was covered in blood and was alone after conducting Hyacinth's final sacrafice or funeral rites.

Two characters fused at their very lowest points. Add to this Horn's possible realization upon fusion that the Silk of his boyhood was just a man and now a depressed and despondent man, possibly in self-denial and I see OBW as occurring and being written as Horn/Silk struggle with the identity question and the depression and despair following each of their failures, Horn's on Green and Silk's (as yet unseen) in the Whorl.

In fact, I think that OBW and IGJ can be seen as therapy with IGJ being written as the narrator is coming to terms with their lives, divided in the past but joined for the future.

I don't think this is taken so I'd like to use the handle "Emrys" (hoping that there's a Welsh colony somewhere in the Whorl).

Emrys