

IGJ Spoilers

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Dennis G. Berdanis — 06 Aug 2000, 21:07

Just finished this tonight. Like any of the New Sun, Long Sun, Short Sun books I almost hate to finish it. It's like parting with a dear friend who's been with me the last couple of weeks.

Green Thoughts:

I like the idea others have presented of the secret of the inhumani being not just be kind to other humans but to the inhumani. I also like the idea that the more they drink of human blood the more human they become.

However, both Fava and Jahlee expressed desires to actually become human so I don't think that can be *the* secret or they would want Horn to tell it and not fear becoming human.

I keep getting the feeling, like others here, that Krait's mother drinking Sinew's blood affected Sinew as much as Krait. Did she steal part of Sinew's soul? Many here seem to think that Sinew is not as bad as Horn imagines and that it is Horn's guilt that portrays him that way. What if Sinew lost his goodness to Krait and even had some of the badness Krait's mother had received from other human victims put into him?

Concerning Pas. I had a strange thought pop in my head in the last 30 pages or so of IGJ. Perhaps I am way off base and some of you will easily point it out to me. First off I admit I've never totally understood what it means for Severian "to bring the new sun." I've also always wondered why Wolfe would take a character like Typhon and make him the savior of humanity/creator of the whorl. Is it possible that when Severian killed Typhon he ate his brain and drank the albano? (can't remember the name) brain juice and thus became Typhon/Pas? Could Severian be Pas? Perhaps this had been conjectured here before and I've missed it.

Green questions?

Do you think that the Neighbors left the planet and return through some advanced machine or mental means or are they all dead and only their ghosts remain? It seemed like at different points in the story both were implied.

Why did the Neighbors imply that *they* needed the waterway unclogged? Was it just to teach Horn a lesson or did they really have a need to clear the waterway and why?

Does Fava live on in Green dreams or did her existence end when Horn's dream of Green did?

Why did Horn never use the dream travel to go to Seawrack or Nettle (where he really wants to be)?

Wasn't the Long Sun beginning to run down and out of control at the end of the Long Sun books? How are people continuing to live there 25-30 years later? It seemed like the Sun would

soon go out of control and overheat/kill the crops and people at the end of the LS books to me.
Why hasn't there been more of a mass exodus?

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