

Just read Clute's OBW review <SPOILERS>

The Whorl list — 3 messages, 2 voices, 17 Aug 2000

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Endymion9 — 17 Aug 2000, 17:10

I was searching for the IGJ review that other's have relayed some of the details here, and instead found the OBW review that I had not read yet.

The first shock I had was what was relayed in Clute's latest response to the whorl list. That he mentioned the Horn/Silk/inhumi? possibility in that review.

The second shock was reading his opinion that OBW is happening at the same time as TBOTNS? I had inferred from reading the whorl list that most were of the opinion that OBW was at least 1000 years later than TBOTNS? Do any agree with Clute's timeframe estimates?

Thanks,
Dennis/Endy
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Kevin J. Maroney — 17 Aug 2000, 18:31 · follows Endymion9

At 05:10 PM 8/17/00 -0500, Endymion (*) wrote:
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Kevin J. Maroney was kind enough to reply:

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Ah. Thanks for taking the time to clear up my misconception. But now I remember reading the 700 years ago reign of Typhon plus 300plus years for the voyage <slapping head>.

I knew that the trip to Urth was during the time of Shadow, but didn't assume that any of the astral/corridor trips had to be made in *current* time and was assuming they traveled to the past.

Concerning the speculation on Oreb's true nature:

What do most think the enlargement of Oreb signified?

Simply more proof that he is being ridden by one or more of the gods? Simply proof that Oreb's own nature is more human (larger than a normal bird's)?

Concerning the inhumu nature of Silk and/or Horn:

When posters consider this possibility I am assuming they are postulating that either an inhumu/a is impersonating Silk and/or Horn or that Silk and/or Horn's essences were transferred into the bodies of inhumu/a. Is this a correct assumption?

What I am not assuming is that the traditional stories of victims of vampyres becoming vampyric through either spiritual or natural (virus) means is expected to be revealed in TBOSS. Is this a correct assumption or do some hold the view that this will become part of the story?

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If a monster, a gentle one <grin>. A sleeping shepherd boy is a more accurate description.

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