

IGJ: Sinew Thoughts

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Endymion9 — 20 Aug 2000, 15:00

I keep struggling with Sinew and Horn's relationship in my mind and unfortunately I only come up with questions and not answers.

Reviewing what I think I know:

- Sinew was the victim of an inhuma (Krait's mother?) as a baby.

- Horn thinks Sinew grew to hate him in his later youth. At first Sinew did not hate Horn but at some point between his birth and Horn's leaving for his trip to Pajarocu, he believes Sinew came to hate him.

- Horn gives no evidence that Sinew hates Nettle, but Sinew does not feel enough love/loyalty to stay on Lizard with her and protect her. Or did she make him go to protect Horn as she sent Hoof and Hide out to search for Horn?

- Sinew was determined to go to Pajarocu and helped his father on the lander. He stayed with Horn part of the time on Green but at some point
defected/deserted Horn.

The question I haven't been able to answer is what is it that Sinew has against Horn and possibly Nettle that the other children Hoof and Hide don't seem to have against their parents.

My first thought was that it was anger that they didn't protect him from the inhuma. But then why did Horn say that it was when Sinew was older (12? 15?) that he came to hate Horn? I couldn't find the reference just now but vaguely remember a line in IGJ saying something like...Hoof and Hide were always good sons and so was Sinew, at least at first.

What happened to turn Sinew against Horn? I keep feeling that until I know that event (One of GW's big secrets) the whole mystery won't be revealed.

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